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Fairytale proposal made at zoo



Adam Walker after proposing to Caroline Parsons at Dudley Zoo and Castle

A Dudley Zoo keeper went for the big gesture when proposing to his girlfriend – using a huge banner hung on the castle.

Adam Walker, aged 28, swore colleagues to secrecy when he planned his proposal to Caroline Parsons.

Mr Walker, who works with big cats at the zoo, made a 30ft banner bearing the words "Will you marry me?" and asked chief executive Peter Suddock and assistant curator Richard Brown to help him wrap it around the walls. He then took his future

wife, a former zoo education presenter, into the castle courtyard to show her his handiwork – and was delighted when she said yes.

He said: "I'd been planning it for quite a while."

Miss Parsons, 28, a science teacher at St Thomas More School, Willenhall, said: "I was just so surprised. It was amazing."

The couple, who live in Russells Hall Road, Dudley, have set the date for their big day next August.

People demanding to keep fire engines during talks on plans to merge stations

Residents at a public meeting have angrily demanded that two fire engines are kept when two Black Country stations are merged.

The event was held as part of the public consultation into plans to axe one of the 24-hour crews in Halesowen and Cradley Heath and create a single base.

About 25 residents raised their views at Reddal Hill Primary School in Cradley Heath and called on local MP James Morris to get the issue discussed in parliament. And they voted unanimously for the new station to have two engines, rather

than one as is planned by fire chiefs.

People voiced concerns that response times would be affected and said they would not feel safe knowing that only one engine was available in the area.

Jean Potter, aged 61, of Trinity Street, Cradley Heath, said: "We can see the station now in Mace Street and we feel safe. I would hate to sit there in the evening thinking that firefighters would have to come from as far away as Brierley Hill if our crew were already out somewhere else."

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Supplies firm deal secures 150 jobs

A medical supplies firm has struck a deal to stay in Dudley, safeguarding 150 jobs in the area.

As of July next year, Sunrise Medical Ltd will be based in Thorns Road, Brierley Hill, after striking a deal allowing it to move on to spare land owned by car parts firm Eaton Automotive.

The company had been seeking a new site after bosses were unable to renegotiate a new lease with the landowners, Halesowen-based developers Revelan Group Ltd.

It was feared the firm could be forced outside the region if a suitable spot was not found by October next year, when the lease expires.

Revelan has now submitted plans to raze the factory buildings on the site, including the old Caparo building, and build 135 new homes.

Sunrise's director of UK operations Kevin Maclean said the move meant job losses were not on the cards.

"It's all positive – we wanted to stay in the local area and we have found somewhere," he said.

"Eaton Automotive had some spare land and we are able to move into it when we leave in July. We do not envisage any job losses at all." Plant manager at Eaton Automotive, Carl Bowater, confirmed the move was set to take

place. Dudley Council's regeneration councillor Angus Adams has welcomed the news. "I am absolutely delighted that they have managed to find somewhere in the borough," he said.

"The last thing we want is for companies to move out of the area, especially when there are so many jobs involved, and any way that can be prevented is well worth supporting."

Sunrise Medical Ltd manufactures care products such as wheelchairs and mobility equipment.

It was founded in 1983 with manufacturing plants in Britain, Mexico, the United States, Germany, and Spain.

Company leader's death was unlawful rules inquest

MARINE KILLED ON BOMB HUNT

A Royal Marine from the Black Country was killed while searching for bombs as he patrolled in Afghanistan, an inquest heard.

Jonathan Crookes, aged 26, of Halesowen had been leading a company of troops through Sangin District in Helmand Province.

The area is one of the most volatile in the war-torn country. An inquest heard the Marines were less than a mile from their base when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated, injuring three troops, including a US soldier.

Following the explosion Marine Crookes continued to search for further explosives to find a clear path back to the base for him and his injured comrades on July 16 last year.

Sgt Al Grant, who was troop sergeant for Charlie Company, from 40 Commando Royal Marines, said Marine Crookes was searching a bomb crater when a second explosion went off.

Comrades

"We could not see anything. The whole area was covered in dust," he said.

He added that as the dust settled, Marine Crookes was seen lying with another comrades, Lieutenant Corporal Luke Metcalfe.

Attempts were made to rescue the five injured servicemen, including Marine Crookes, but the reservist died from his injuries, an inquest at Smethwick Coroners' Court heard today.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Moorhouse, who was a Major with Charlie Company, paid tribute to Marine Crookes saying: "If I had 200 Jonny Crookes' under my command I would be a very happy man."

Marine Crookes' family, including his mother, Susan, and fiancée, Danni Davis, were at the inquest today, led by Black Country coroner Robin Balmain. The inquest conclusion was unlawful killing.



Marine Jonathan Crookes, aged 26, who was killed on patrol in Afghanistan

Park gangs facing a ban

Gangs of youths will be banned from gathering in a Halesowen park targeted by metal thieves and vandals after police secured new powers.

Two slides, two swings, a climbing wall and chain bridge were hacked down at The Leasowes, in Halesowen, last week. Residents have long complained about a large number of youngsters meeting up there, dropping litter and daubing graffiti. Now police have been given new powers to move groups of rowdy youngsters on.

The order will allow officers to break up groups of youths who gather in specific areas and prevent them from returning.

Anyone believed to be under the age of 16 and not under the control of a parent or responsible adult between 9pm and 6am, can be taken home. The dispersal order will stay in place for six months. It covers Leasowes Lane, Leasowes Club House, Manor Lane, Kent Road, Highlands Rise, Western Avenue and Shenstone Avenue.

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Mill museum work to start

A long-awaited project to convert an historic mill into a museum celebrating Kidderminster's carpet-making heritage will begin this month.

Kidderminster Carpet Trust said work to create the tourist attraction at the former Stourvale Mill in Green Street is scheduled to begin on September 19. It had been hoped work would start last month but the final planning for the scheme took slightly longer than expected. Building contractors Shaylor Group Plc have been appointed to carry out the work. The Trust and the contractors are thrashing out the final details of the project but say work will

start this month. The trust has been developing plans for the site for years and hope to create an attraction to rival Dudley's Black Country Living Museum. It will contain artefacts from the town's carpet-making heritage and feature displays detailing the industrial heritage of the town and its significance across the entire globe.

Carpet Trust spokesman Peter Reed said: "We are reaching the end of necessary discussions now and we have a start date of September 19.

"I can also now confirm a developer for the work has been appointed."

Go behind scenes

Visitors can explore behind the scenes at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 10

There will be guided tours from 10am and 3pm showing people between the box office and control room.

An archive exhibition of original documents will be on display in the hall chronicling the history of four businesses in the borough.

It includes glass manufacturers

Stourbridge-based Henry G Richardson and Sons Ltd, the Halesowen button manufacturer James Grove & Sons, Brierley Hill's Round Oak Steelworks and the drapery store in Dudley, F W Cook Ltd.

A guided walk in the town centre will begin at 1.15pm.

Participants should meet in the town hall foyer. For further details, call 01384 817611.

Sparks fly at meeting over fire merger

More than 150 people crowded into a small community hall as controversial plans to merge Halesowen and Cradley Heath fire stations and axe one 24-hour crew went up for public debate.

Emotions ran high as issues surrounding the safety of residents, the impact on response times and the added risk to firefighters on the frontline were raised by residents at the packed-out Lutley Community Centre, in Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, on September 1.

Up to 20 firefighters from crews at Halesowen, armed with their own research, also gave up their free time to attend the meeting.

They were challenging senior officers West Midlands Fire Service over the reasons behind the plans.

Chairman of the West Midlands Fire Authority, Sandwell councillor John Edwards, admitted to the meeting that the service provided would "inevitably" be damaged if government cuts of an estimated £20million by 2015 were imposed.

Challenged

He said merging the two stations and axing one crew would save £1.1million – though the figure was challenged by firefighters who revealed more than £800,000 of that figure is made up of wages of firemen who will not be made redundant.

"If we're not being made redundant, you aren't saving that money – what you are actually saving is £300,000," said one firefighter addressing the panel.

Another crew member told the room having just one pump would create a "horrible dilemma" for firefighters attending a fire, who would be caught between their moral duty to rescue anyone trapped and their legal duty not to enter the building until back up arrived from further away.

There were more jeers when project manager Chris Martin, who is leading work told the meeting that it was likely Halesowen Fire Station would be closed and the area served from Cradley Heath Fire Station while a suitable location was sought for a new joint station.

Expert to talk about animal behaviour

An expert in animal behaviour is holding a workshop in Chaddesley Corbett to raise money to help fund cancer nurses. Elizabeth Whiter will talk about how she began animal healing, her methods and her work with vets and rescue centres.

She also plans to give a couple of pre-arranged demonstrations of animal healing during the workshop at the village hall on September 13.

The event is being organised by the Wyre Forest committee of Cancer Research UK and proceeds raised will go to help finance the charity's cancer information nurses.

Elizabeth is a qualified animal and human healer and regularly travels the world to work with animal sanctuaries and instruct local groups in her methods.

She is author of the bestselling book *The Animal Healer*. Tickets for the event which starts at 10am are £30, including a light lunch, and are available on 01562 68693.

Find out about Brunel

The life and times of Isambard Kingdom Brunel will be discussed at a local history seminar at the Dudley Archives.

Visitors to the archives in Mount Street, Coseley, will get the chance to learn about Brunel, a British civil engineer who played a leading role in the construction of the Great Western Railway, during the talk on October 6, by Ray Sturdy. The talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are free for members or £1.50 for non-members. Call 01384 812770.

Chance to meet with police

Police and Communities Together (Pact) will meet people living in the Wordsley area on September 15. Police officers and community support officers will be at the High Acres pub in Madeley Road, Kingswinford, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to chat with residents and discuss any issues affecting the area.

Chance to take control

Dudley people, community groups and charities are invited to discussions about new rights that local volunteers hope will put the borough "on the map".

The discussions, organised by Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), will take place across the borough this month.

Andy Gray, Dudley CVS spokesman, said: "The Localism Bill is intended to move power from central government to local communities by cutting red tape and giving them control.

"We hope our Community Rights Made Real project will help to improve local knowledge.

"Our findings may even influence national policy, putting Dudley on the map."

The bill aims to give communities the right to protect assets of community value that may be threatened with closure, or to challenge a local service that could be run better.

Dudley CVS is keen to hear from organisations with ideas on improving a local service.

Places can be booked at www.crsurvey.org.uk

Lorna Prescott or Melissa Guest can be contacted on 01384 265363 or lorna@dudleycvs.org.uk

Log on to www.oursociety.org.uk/group/dudley

Focus on Richard III

Belbroughton History Society, near Stourbridge, will host a talk on Richard III at its annual meeting on September 21.

Following the meeting, at 7.45pm at Belbroughton Church Hall, Max Keen will give his talk. He hopes to dispel the "Shakespearean myths" that Richard III was a murderer and usurper.

Jazz is back

A Black Country venue will host its regular jazz nights from this month. The concerts at the Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, Stourbridge, start at 7.30pm. Admission is £7 or £3.50 for students.

Mike determined to help in cancer fight

When doctors told retired police sergeant Mike Boswell his cancer had spread and he may only have 12 months to live, he vowed to do all he could to help others in the same boat.

Determined not to give up, the 64-year-old from Halesowen has begun fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support – the charity which helped him when he was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008. Despite gruelling treatment including radiotherapy and an operation to remove the prostate gland, he was recently told the disease had spread.

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Campaign restarted to honour rugby star



Former Rugby player Cliff Watson with his wife, Barbara, at St John's Church where they were married in 1960

A campaign has been restarted to get a Black Country rugby hero honoured in his hometown.

Cliff Watson, aged 70, started his career in Dudley before playing for rugby league side St Helens and captaining Great Britain.

More than 500 people have joined a Facebook group but the campaign stalled in recent months. Now there are plans to make posters and hold events paying tribute to Mr Watson to generate support.

So far Dudley Council has refused to make a decision but says it is open to suggestions.

However, there are concerns over funding and leisure chief, councillor David Stanley says any plans would have to go through "a long process". Mr Watson, who now lives in Australia, was the youngest ever player at Dudley Kingswinford rugby union team at the age of 15. The campaign is being run by Deb Brownlee, chairman of the group raising cash for the regeneration of St John's Church, Kates Hill, where Mr Watson married in 1960.

Doctors have told him there is nothing they can do.

But Mr Boswell, who worked across the Black Country and Birmingham during his 15-year spell at West Midlands Police before finishing as a sergeant in Brierley Hill, said he hasn't given up hope.

"I had no symptoms when I was first diagnosed. I had gone to the doctors because I had injured my hand and they gave me a blood test. Five weeks later I found myself in hospital having an operation.

"Sadly there is now nothing they can do because the cancer had escaped from the prostate and spread. It is now incurable and doctors think I have about 12 months.

"I haven't given up hope that maybe they will have found a cure by then. I am staying positive because I think that's the best thing to do.

Music

"I am upset because like everyone else, I would like to live forever but I realise that's not going to happen. I've decided to spend the time I have helping other people," said Mr Boswell, of Hamilton Avenue, Halesowen.

The father-of-one, who was an RAF pilot before joining the police, took to his keyboard to play music and tell jokes at a recent fundraising event at Streetbike in Halesowen in aid of the charity.

"When I first found out about the cancer I went to Macmillan Cancer Support for advice. They were excellent. I just wanted to give something back and if I can help other people who have cancer, then that's even better."



Mike Boswell with Chris Garland and Jason Brunt fundraising at Streetbike

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Boost to children's services

Programmes run by Dudley Council which help support children in care and families who need extra help will get a slice of £6 million Government funding. It will mean more people will benefit.

The cash will be used to expand the council's successful intensive intervention programmes.

The Flipside fostering programme and KEEP, Keeping foster carers and families together, will receive funding for four years with £93,000 in the year 2011/12 and £276,000 in the year 2012/13.

Money for the years 2013 to 2015 will be agreed at a later date.

Children's chief Councillor Liz Walker, said: "The announcement is great news for Dudley borough."

"We will be able to help even more families and their children and young people through these intervention training programmes."

"The funding means the service can build on the success that it has already achieved through the dedication of its staff and foster carers."

Both schemes offer practical behaviour management techniques such as effective encouragement, discipline and self-care.

International piano contest

Pianists of all nationalities will head to Dudley in October, to battle it out in an annual competition.

The Dudley International Piano Competition will culminate at the town's concert hall on October 16, when finalists will perform with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

The preliminary stage, featuring 22 pianists, takes place at Dudley College on October 1 from 9.30am to 7pm.

The semi-finals follow the next day, from 10am to 6pm. Tickets for both cost £6 and are available on the door.

The competition began in 1968, evolving from piano classes at the Dudley Festival of Music and Drama, and is open to people aged 30 or under, studying or resident in the UK. Tickets for the final will range from £7.50 to £18 and are available on 01384 833960.

Museum opens for heritage day

A Midland museum is to open as part of a national heritage open days scheme.

On September 10 and 11, from 11am to 5pm, people can visit the County Museum at Hartlebury Castle for free, and see areas usually closed to the public. There will also be wartime themed activities and children can help a Victorian scullery maid. Call 01299 250416.

Pupils' art show

Castle High School pupils will be staging an art exhibition at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery in St James's Road on from October 1 until November 19.

Charity coffee time

Hospital staff in Dudley will be raising their coffee mugs for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Intervise employees at the Russells Hall Hospital will take part in this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The firm provides services such as parking, portering and catering at the hospital. Assistant catering manager Michelle Harrold said:

"Macmillan is a charity close to our hearts. Cancer has touched the lives of many staff here and this is just one way we can show our support."

The coffee morning will take place in the restaurant at Russells Hall Hospital on September 30 from 10am to 2pm.

A donation from all sales of coffee and cake will go to the charity. Last year the team raised £1,500.

Hopes for eyesore

An eyesore site could be redeveloped to create new homes or businesses to improve a main route into Dudley, according to councillors.

Land formerly occupied by the Duncan Edwards pub, Priory Road, has become a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour with security fencing ripped down.

Calls have been made for the site to be cleaned up and pressure put on

developers to do something with the disused land for years. Local councillors said they had been told schemes were in the pipeline although firm plans had still to be submitted. Councillor Ken Finch said he had been told landowners Clubbire Ltd were looking at developing houses or shops on the site.

The owners of the land were unavailable for comment.

Sales of land puts in £2m

Lands sales over the last year have boosted Dudley Council coffers by more than £2million. Sites have gone for anything from a few hundred pounds to almost £800,000.

Bosses at the authority say the land has only been sold if it has been deemed surplus to requirements. New figures show the council has sold off 13 plots in 2010/2011 generating just over £2million.

The biggest sale was the land at the former North Priory estate.

A £37million housing development is being built in its place and the first homes were completed earlier this summer. A plot of land there went for £790,602.

The site of the council's former ICT building on Tower Street in Dudley along with a car park went for £399,073.

Workers were moved out in 2008 after the building was declared unsafe.

The land now forms part of a Dudley College development which is being constructed.

Another big sale by the council has seen the site of the former Audnam Centre, a day centre for people with learning difficulties in Audnam, Stourbridge, sold off for £292,500.

At the moment, it is not known what the land will be used for.

Councillor Tim Wright, said: "We have a statutory responsibility to sell off council owned land which has become surplus to requirements, to generate income."

Group looks for members

A history group is looking for new members.

Amblecote History Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Church Hall, in Vicarage Road, Amblecote, from 7.30pm. People interested in taking part are asked to visit a meeting.

The group's next meeting will be on September 14 and features an illustrated talk on Ironbridge and its long history. It will be led by historian Brian Draper.

Special guest Andrew Lound will host the next talk on October 12 which will focus on the Titanic. David Hickman will take a closer look at what life was like in Stourbridge during the 1850s on November 9.

Volunteers call to aid the blind

Volunteers are needed to help people with sight loss in Dudley borough.

People can lend a hand by reading to someone with impaired vision or by accompanying them to the shops.

The Thomas Pocklington Resource Centre, Stourbridge is looking for volunteers who can visit weekly or fortnightly for up to two hours at a time.

For further information or to arrange an informal visit to the centre in Oldswinford, call 01384 440333 or email VivienSmith@pocklington-trust.org.uk

£12m art college is ready for first intake

The finishing touches are being made to Stourbridge College's new £12million art and design campus. All construction work has been completed at the striking building in Venture Way, Brierley Hill and staff have been moving equipment, furniture and books into the centre.

From this week, the new base will offer art and design, textiles, fashion, graphics, illustration and digital media courses to 1,000 students. The ground floor of the campus will include a refectory and seating areas for students as well as offices.

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'Summer Wine' trio call it a day



End of the line for the newsletter produced by Reg Lees, Terry Potter and Gordon Monckton

A "Last of the Summer Wine" trio of Black Country gents have stopped the print run on the neighbourhood newsletter they have produced for the last eight years.

But Gordon Monckton, aged 81, Reg Lees, 77, and Terry Potter, 71, have pledged to carry on other voluntary work, including gardening at a Sedgley school and litter picking in their local park. The three men from Upper Gornal compare themselves to the Seymour, Clegg and Compo characters from the BBC show as they chuckle about running the Oval & Tudor News. "None of us owns a computer and we can't even type," said Mr Monckton, of Tudor Road, Mr Lees, of Valley Road, added: "We used to meet up with the secretary at the printer's or with a local council officer and dictate what we wanted to say."

The learning resource centre is on the first floor, where there are art studios and the visual communications department.

Classrooms for subjects including textiles and print can be found on the second floor.

The walls have been left with a neutral colour so that work which is created by the students can be displayed and there is also a gallery on the first floor which will be used for displays and exhibitions.

There is also an eye-catching wall which displays quotes from famous people including Eleanor Roosevelt and Walt Disney in green and white lettering.

Excited

Vice-principal Louise Jones said everyone in the college is excited about welcoming students for the first time.

She said: "When we first showed the staff around, their eyes lit up when they saw how much space there was here."

"We are all looking forward to showing the students around and everyone is working really hard to get it all finished."

The new campus has been designed as a replacement for the outdated Longlands campus in Stourbridge and has been created by architects Pick Everard.

An original £31m scheme, on the old Brier School site, had to be scaled back at the start of the year after the Learning and Skills Council withdrew £15m of pledged funding.

Students have been able to follow project's progress via a webcam.



College vice-principal Louise Jones at the art and design campus



The campus's exterior is striking

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Extra £480,000 for cancer

Dudley District Citizens Advice Bureau and Macmillan Cancer Support have raised more than £480,000 in extra income for local people with cancer since joining with a new benefits advice service.

The service, to support people with cancer and their families, many of whom face giving up work as their treatment begins, will be showcased at an event at

the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, on September 8, from noon.

The service says it has managed to find more than £480,000 in income and one-off grants for people living with cancer since starting seven months ago.

Chris Little, spokesman for Dudley Citizens Advice Bureau, said: "People affected by cancer need to know that they are

receiving all the income which they are entitled to in order to meet the increased costs associated with cancer.

"However, accessing the information and advice they needed can be hard for cancer patients."

The service is available to anyone with cancer in Dudley on 01384 817721 and anyone who would like to volunteer to help can call the same number.

Homes approved

Housebuilders Barrat will be allowed to build show homes on old tennis courts near its planned residential development in Halesowen.

Three show homes and a double garage can be built after the developer was successful in its application when the development control committee agreed to follow officers' recommendations and approve the plan. The homes will

help showcase properties on a 70-house site - home to Coombs Wood Sports & Social Club, Coombs Road. The plans, passed last year, mean moving the sports ground to the Coombswood Green Wedge, in Stewarts Road, half a mile away.

A clubhouse, cricket pitch and bowling green will be built at the site in the next few months. A footpath is also being installed along the green wedge.

Regeneration project given the go-ahead

A regeneration project to demolish buildings and create new shops and flats at the gateway to a Black Country town has been approved.

Councillor praised the scheme, saying the buildings had become an "embarrassment" to the Colley Gate area, near Cradley. Seven existing shops, three of which are empty, will be torn down as part of the development near the junction with Colley Lane and the A458 Stourbridge to Halesowen road. The empty shops have been left to deteriorate, with many of the rear garages left to become overgrown and derelict.

Applicant Ian Newton submitted plans to transform the area creating seven new shops and 14 two-bedroom flats.

Five of the shops would be set aside for retail use and two would be takeaways, according to statements presented to Dudley Council's planning department.

Agreed

The authority's development control committee unanimously agreed to follow planning officers' recommendations and approve the plan.

Committee member, Councillor Margaret Wilson, said the scheme would "enhance" the area. "This is a long time coming as this is a delightful little area and what they have done will really enhance it," she said.

"Anything has got to be better than what is there at the moment."

Committee chairman, Councillor Colin Wilson, added: "It desperately needs regeneration. It is almost an embarrassment looking at it when I drive through the area."

A council car park will go as part of the plan. The plan was for outline permission for the works to start with a more detailed application to be submitted at a later date.

Cars will be able to access the properties from Maple Tree Lane and Colley Lane.

A multi-million regeneration scheme for the Colley Gate and Windmill Hill area is in the planning stage by Dudley Council.

This includes improvements to the main A458 to reduce congestion.

Residents win fight on garden building

Residents have won their fight to get a neighbour to dismantle a wooden outbuilding in the garden of a Dudley home.

Councillors refused to give retrospective planning permission for the 11.5ft high timber building at the rear of a house, in Paganel Drive, meaning it must now be taken down.

Seven residents had objected to the structure which required planning permission under new regulations introduced in 2008.

Speaking at the recent development control meeting, Dudley Council officer Sarah Willets, of the directorate of urban environment, said the building had been used as a bar.

Committee member, Councillor Margaret Wilson, said she did not approve of the retrospective application, adding: "If you get this amount of objections coming through then we really should have a look into it."

Applicant Mrs Tracey Sankey said the building and nearby hot-tub had been built on land where a garage originally stood.

Canal society giving talk on Swiss journey

A canal society has announced details of its latest meeting this month.

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Society's first autumn meeting on September 12 starts with a talk.

Society president Chris Dyche will be leading the talk, A Journey Through Switzerland.

It will take place at Bradmore Community Centre, Birches Barn Road, Wolverhampton, at 7.30pm. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Call Mr Dyche on 01384 375582 for details.

Wetland work on course

The next stage of a £340,000 scheme to restore a Midland wetlands is under way.

Work on Wilden Marsh, near the River Stour, Kidderminster, aims to repair the damage caused to the floodplain when weirs were removed in the 1970s.

This caused it to start drying out and over the years the areas of marshland habitat have been reduced.

Officials said the water levels were already higher than before the project began early last year.

Agency technical specialist Brian Smith said: "Monitoring over the summer has shown water levels have been retained at a higher level than before."

"The marsh and its plants and wildlife will gradually recover as the wetland conditions improve and grazing restores a more open grassland environment."

The next stage of the project has seen workers excavate around half a mile of ditch and install two sluices.

Officials are then able to regulate the water level upstream using the boards.

Talk about past post

A historical society near Stourbridge will be learning more about the Worcestershire postal service before 1840 at its next meeting.

Chris Jackson will give a talk on the subject for Clent History Society on September 22 at 8pm, in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue, Clent.

He will speak about how Henry VIII appointed a "master of the posts" and, in 1635, Charles I made the postal service available to the public.

His talk will end in 1840, when the first adhesive stamp, the Penny Black, was introduced to provide a single delivery rate.

Admission is £2.50 for non-members, including tea, coffee and biscuits.

Foodbank needs to double size to cope

A Black Country food bank says it needs to double in size in the next six months to cope with demand from needy families. More than 3,500 people have been helped by the Halesowen-based Black Country Food Bank in the last six months.

The figure is up 45 per cent on the same time last year. Bosses say they need to acquire another 5,000 sq ft of warehousing space and have launched an appeal.

Food Bank co-ordinator Wendy Fryatt today said: "Over the next six to eight months we are going to have to find more space."

"We can't afford rents but if people were willing then we would be able to keep empty units secure and would, of course, set aside if they had tenants wanting to come in."

The charity has already expanded its operation to provide clothing services and supplying toiletries.

But Miss Fryatt says the organisation is also now trying to provide more help and support services to deal with

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the variety of reasons why people are facing poverty. We are not just a soup kitchen, we try to find out what could be the underlying problems and we want people to come to us and tell us how we could help them in any way."

She added the problems were more obvious in the school holidays as parents struggle to feed their children when they are at home for the six-week break.

Families

The food bank gives families three days worth of food and other provisions.

People have to get a voucher to collect the goods from agencies including Age Concern and the Probation Service.

Around 25 volunteers give their time each week to help at the centre. Several others drive vans and run distribution centres.

Since the food bank was launched, it has given away the equivalent of more than 10,000 meals.

It is designed as a short-term measure to give people going through a crisis some breathing space.

The Stour in top 10 of most improved rivers

A Midland river that was once notorious for pollution has been named as one of the 10 most improved waterways in Britain. The Stour used to be known for the multi-coloured dyes that flowed into it from carpet manufacturers.

Now the river, which runs through the Black Country, Worcestershire and South Staffordshire, is home to salmon and otters, according to the Environment Agency which has compiled a list of Britain's 10 most improved rivers.

The Environment Agency chiefs said they wanted to recognise the waterways that have shrugged off their industrial past to become havens for wildlife, walkers and anglers once again.

Other rivers on list include the Thames in London, the River Darent in Kent and the River Wear in County Durham.

The River Trent in Staffordshire, which has recovered from a serious

pollution incident two years ago, was not included on the agency list.

In 2009 cyanide and ammonia from partially-treated sewage found its way into the Trent, killing thousands of fish.

But Ian Barker, head of land and water at the agency, said: "Work that we have done with farmers, businesses and water companies to reduce the amount of water taken from rivers, minimise pollution and improve water quality is really paying off."

"Britain's rivers are the healthiest for over 20 years and otters, salmon and other wildlife are returning for the first time since the industrial revolution."

By 2015 the UK must meet tough new European Union targets on the water quality of its rivers and lakes.

The agency is targeting £18 million of Government funding to help more rivers meet the new EU targets.

Band makes the final



From left Matt Harper from Willenhall, Dave Morgan, organiser, from Great Barr, Niki Newdell from Great Barr, Myles Haines, Organiser, from West Bromwich, James Affleck from Stafford

Stourbridge based indie band, The Pargeters have beaten off competition from almost 150 other Midlands performers to win a place in the national final of a music contest.

They will now perform at the IndigO2 in London on October 1 for a chance to win recording and production deals, professional photo shoots, financial support

and endorsements worth in excess of £100,000.

There were a total of 154 bands which started off in the Midlands section of the Surface competition and five have made it through to play alongside regional winners from the rest of the UK. In all, 20 bands from England, Wales and Scotland will compete for the top prize.

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Careers advice website

A revamped website is now ready to give students in Dudley careers advice. It follows the closure of two advice centres in Dudley and Stourbridge at the end of March.

The borough's careers website has been relaunched after council chiefs ended a contract with Prospects Services Ltd of Kent to provide support to youngsters via two careers advice centres after failing to agree new terms. Council chiefs say they hope the website will be a significant help to students.

Bosses say youngsters can also get help and advice via "targeted support" which is available directly from schools.

The careers advice centres, which were based in Dudley and Stourbridge town centres, employed a total of 35 people.

Around 18 of the workers moved to Dudley Council to work in specific roles to deal with children who have special learning needs. It is not known what happened to the others.

Councillor Liz Walker, said: "Dudley Council continues to offer information, advice and guidance to young people."

The live chat facility on the Connections' website, www.connections-dudley.org, is regularly updated and has been upgraded recently to make it more accessible, interactive and user friendly to ensure people can communicate easily and directly to personal advisors.

Quaker House to show treasures

Stourbridge Quaker Meeting House will be showing its hidden architectural treasures free this weekend.

The opening, on September 11 between 11.15am and 3pm, is part of a national event run by English Heritage to get organisations to open up buildings so the public can find out more about them.

It is probably the oldest building in Stourbridge town centre still used for its original purpose.

Visitors are invited to join the meeting for worship between 10 and 11 am or to visit between 11.15 am and 3.30 pm.

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Birds are abundant

Dudley Zoo is enjoying a bumper year for birds, with 13 different species successfully bred on site this season.

The list includes Lady Amherst's ornamental pheasants, a species from China introduced to Britain in the 19th century and named after Countess Sarah Amherst, wife of William Pitt Amherst, governor general of Bengal.

Other species born this year include the golden pheasant, Elliot's pheasant, Reeves pheasant, Satyr tragopan, Tennine's tragopan, and Vietnamese pheasant, as well as Waldrapp ibis, northern bald ibis, mandarin duck, chestnut breasted teal and the marbled teal.

Zoo curator Matt Lewis said it had been a very successful year for the birds section.

Bit of family magic

A father and son magician team from Dudley has been invited to perform at the London Palladium in a special charity show staged by a top British producer.

John and James Milner, from Stourbridge, will be part of the warm-up for Palladium Magic on September 19. The Las Vegas based producer Paul Stone is presenting the show, starring Mac King, Hans Klok

and The Great Tomsoni & Co. John and his 19-year-old son, James, of Brook Street, will be among 50 leading UK magicians performing at the show. Mr Stone launched the charity MagiCares in 2008 and 1,000 tickets for the show will be donated to cancer-related charities, children's hospices and other organisations for their patients, families, carers and nurses.

Scaffold pole theft epidemic

Thousands of pounds of scaffolding has been stolen by thieves who have struck at building sites in the Black Country and Staffordshire more than 80 times during the past two years.

Figures show reported thefts have risen in some areas as the price of scrap metal soars. The problem is "plaguing" the industry according to the National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC).

Dennis Anderson, managing director of AMS Scaffolding in Cradley, said his firm had spent £10,000 in two years on security measures.

"These thieves – these magpies – just take hold of anything they can get their hands on."

"We have spent a fair whack getting metal stamps to stamp in the company name and address and paint the tubes with special paint to identify our equipment."

In Staffordshire the amount of scaffolding raids logged with police was up by more than a third in 2010/11 with 35 thefts, compared with 21 in the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile in the Black Country the number of thefts in 2010/11 was 17 up from 16 in the previous 12 months, costing the industry £61,111 over the two-year span.

Around two thirds of the raids were carried out in Walsall and Sandwell, including £3,500 of scaffolding taken from a maintenance yard in Bescot Road under Junction 9 of the M6, Walsall.

Lecture on Jurassic seas

People can learn more about Jurassic sea creatures from a lecture in Dudley.

It is part of a series of talks taking place at the Coroner's Court on September 24 and 25 for the Rock and Fossil Festival.

It will look at the Jurassic seas and explore how they were home to giant marine reptiles. Other lecture topics include how to be a dinosaur, making ripples in time and looking inside the stones. Lectures are 40 minutes long and start on the hour from 11am with the last one taking place at 3pm.

There will be stalls selling minerals, fossils and jewellery, and talks from geology and palaeontology experts.

Patients can quiz bosses

Patients can quiz bosses at Dudley hospital trust's annual members' meeting.

The event on September 26 also includes a health fair to give people more information about specialist teams working at the borough's three hospitals.

They include infection control, organ donation, adult community services and NHS counter fraud.

The meeting will start from 5.30pm in the Clinical Education Centre at Russells Hall Hospital.

Parking is free. To register call 01384 45611 extension 1168.

Package holidays to the Black Country

A national coach company is launching package holidays for tourists to check out the delights of the Black Country – from faggots and paes to trips along the canals.

Dunwood Travel is laying on 24 coaches from as far afield as London, Scotland, Devon and Cornwall, the east coast and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The trips will begin in April next year and run through until November.

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New safety measures for junction

New safety measures will be introduced at a "nightmare" junction in Dudley in a bid to stop motorists flouting new signs and making illegal right turns.

Campaigners living near the junction of Northfield Road and Halesowen Road, Netherton, were celebrating victory after police pledged to conduct regular checks at the spot to catch out any motorists spotted ignoring the new road layout. Meanwhile the council said it has earmarked £200 to pay for signs to make the "no right turn" clearer.

Ward councillor Qadar Zada said residents had been living in fear that an accident was imminent, and had raised the issue at recent Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

Welcomed

He welcomed the news of the sign, which is expected to be installed in around eight weeks time. "Residents have expressed their concern that many drivers are continuing to ignore the no-right turn that has come into force since the redesign of the junction – it was a nightmare for drivers and an accident waiting to happen," he said.

"They have been working with us as their ward councillors to look at sensible solutions to reduce this risk. It came about that some drivers were claiming not to be aware of the change at the junction and the current signage was not considered to be adequate.

"I'm really pleased we will have additional signs to alert drivers, and that the police have agreed to make enforcing the no-right turn a priority."

"This will mean drivers are safer and reduce congestion on the high street."

Council transport boss Councillor Patrick Harley said signs had been installed at the junction to ban right turns at the tight corner leading from Halesowen Road to Northfield Road. "A further sign will be going up soon. The cost of the sign, and installation, is about £200," he added.

Sell-out

Eight of the £79-a-head two-day trips – on Sundays and Mondays – have already sold out and staff from Dunwood Travel aim to fill more of the coaches when they dress up in Black Country garb to promote the trip at a group leisure and travel show at the NEC later this month.

"We carry 40,000 people a year on UK based holidays and traditionally they have been to seaside places but city breaks are becoming more popular," said Colin Duncan, aged 50, who co-founded Dunwood Travel.

"And Dudley, although it is not a city, has a theme to offer of years gone by."

Rare parrots arrive at zoo

A pair of yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots, a vulnerable species declining in the wild, have arrived at Dudley Zoo as part of a breeding programme.

It is the first time the attraction has kept the species, and staff say the green and yellow-coloured parrots are settling in well.

Curator Matt Lewis said: "We were pleased to receive these birds."

Emma's dream wheeled in



Emma Chambers, 16, on a Yamaha R1 with Carl Dodds from Streetbike in Halesowen

A teenager's wish came true as she enjoyed a spin on a motorbike thanks to a Black Country charity.

Emma Chambers, who had spent time on the children's ward at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, got to realise her ambition at Streetbike in Halesowen.

The 16-year-old former pupil at Earls High School, Halesowen had a spell on the ward for tests as she suffers from severe headaches.

While there she was asked to fill in a form describing her greatest wish by

volunteer Steve Ford, from the Wishing Well charity. Emma, who will start classes at Halesowen College this month, was invited to Streetbike where she was able to ride a Yamaha Giggie bike and then was taken for trip out on a Yamaha R1.

Her mother Florence Jackson said: "She was very excited and it was a fantastic day for her. She has always been interested in motorbikes." Mr Ford said: "I am very grateful to Streetbike for organising this special day for Emma."

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Funny old game as cars are stripped to the bare essentials



Adrian McMurray with cars to be processed



A car is lowered into the vat of stripping fluid



The shell after it has been stripped and cleaned

A metal processing firm in the Black Country has become an internet sensation thanks to a popular TV show.

More than half a million people have taken part in a quiz on the BBC's Top Gear website featuring Surface Processing Ltd in Dudley. The company, which strips the shells of old cars to remove rust and old paint, attracted the attention of the show's producers who were looking for a new game for the site.

Players must guess the make and model of the car correctly from looking at a picture of a stripped-down body shell without any paintwork. At one point it was the most-read page on the site, even attracting more hits than a video of The Stig meeting Formula One star Sebastian Vettel.

And the business, which works on an average of 350 cars a year, has seen

a surge in trade since the quiz went live. Bosses are now taking on two new workers, to add to the 21 existing staff, to deal with the increase in orders.

Managing director Adrian McMurray said the television show's producers heard about the company through a mutual acquaintance.

Amazing

"Who would have thought we were going to get half a million people looking at the state of our cars?" "It's amazing and I'm so pleased we were asked to take part," he said.

Cars are lowered into a series of huge vats of stripping fluid, removing rust and decay and leaving the bare bodywork.

The vehicle then goes through a 19-stage painting process to put on a protective coat, which sees it dipped in various materials, before being "baked" in an oven at 185F.

Another layer can be added during the painting process to prevent it rusting again.

The average cost is about £1,500 per car and the majority of the firm's customers are classic car collectors who want to restore their buy to its former glory.

Recent projects have included a Ford Consul Capri, a Ford Escort Mark One and a Volkswagen Golf Mark One, while classic Mini Coopers also regularly pass through the company's base in Deepdale Lane.

Mr McMurray, who set up the firm in 1994, said: "With this process we clear out all the muck and rubbish, clear out the good majority of all the rust and you are left with a nice clear blank page on which to start the restoration."

Along with cars, the firm also restores aerospace, construction and agricultural equipment.

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Schools in borough suspend 1,300 pupils

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Around 1,300 pupils have been suspended from schools in the Dudley borough since the start of the year for assaults on teachers, theft, criminal damage and bullying, latest figures show.

Education bosses in Dudley have revealed a total of 1,295 students were temporarily excluded and a further 45 students, all from secondary schools, permanently expelled.

The exclusions were for bad behaviour between January and July this year. Six excluded were caught carrying a knife to school.

A total of 21 were caught with drugs or alcohol. Another 302 assaulted a fellow pupil and 53 assaulted an adult on school grounds, with eight permanently expelled for assault. Bullying led to 36 students being suspended.

The number of suspended pupils represents around 2.9 per cent of the total number of pupils in the borough. There are 44,584 students at primary, secondary and special schools in Dudley.

Permanently

Council education boss Councillor Liz Walker said the decision to exclude a pupil, either permanently or temporarily, was "never taken lightly".

"While these figures are high, and nobody likes to see these figures, schools have to act in the best interest of all their pupils," she said.

"When you have children taking drugs and alcohol and bringing knives on to school grounds it is very worrying."

"We get some of the best exam results in the West Midlands - and part of that is the attitude that every child has the right to learn without disruption from others. Schools do take a strong line and discipline is enforced, but it is only as an ultimate sanction after every other avenue has been pursued."

Council officers said they could not name the schools where pupils had been excluded from until the end of the year due to the small numbers involved, to protect the identity of the students. In 2010, a total of 1,453 pupils were suspended and 60 were expelled.

Sensory garden is opened



Hospice user Val Hopson, director of nursing Jackie Kelly, volunteer co-ordinator Pauline Binek, day unit team leader Linda Ellis, and hospice user Paul Gittus in the new sensory garden

A new sensory garden has opened at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice after it won a cash boost of almost £31,000.

The garden has been planted to appeal to all five senses and has benches where patients can spend time with their families. It was created thanks to money won through the People's Millions lottery scheme. The garden has a

patio area and raised beds so that patients can easily reach out and touch the plants.

It has been made accessible to wheelchairs. Janet Jones, head of fundraising at the hospice, in Hagley Road, said: "The new garden will allow staff, volunteer and families to spend time with patients in a relaxing and non-clinical setting."

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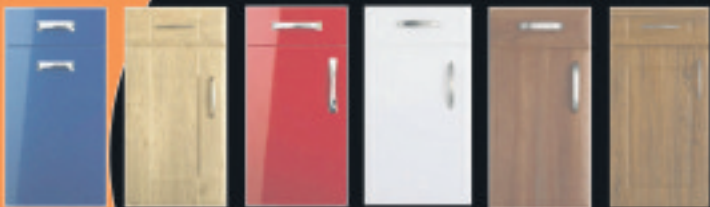
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Pay freeze for trust bosses is extended

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A pay freeze for senior managers at Dudley's hospital trust has been extended for another 12 months to help make savings.

It will be the third year in a row that the 12 directors, including chief executive Paula Lark, have not had a rise.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall and the Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge needs to save £12million this financial year. The pay freeze was first introduced for 2009/10 and extended in 2010/11.

It means Ms Clark's salary will remain at between £180,000 and £185,000 while finance director Paul Assinder will stay on between £140,000 and £145,000.

Medical director Paul Harrison will pick up between £60,000 and £65,000, operations director Paul Brennan will receive between £135,000 and £140,000 and nursing director Denise McMahon will be paid between £115,000 and £120,000.

Financial

Salaries for the non-executive directors will range between £10,000 and £15,000 to between £15,000 and £20,000.

Ms Clark said: "The Board of Directors at The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust had a pay freeze in 2010/11 and this has continued in the 2011/12 year."

The hospital trust will also need to save £12million during the next two financial years.

Cutbacks already made include slashing opening hours for the canteen at Russells Hall Hospital and reducing the amount of time patients spend in hospital when they have an operation so they are admitted on the day of the surgery rather than the day before.

A handful of redundancies have been made in back office departments and bosses are continuing to review vacancies as they arise.

The hospital is also reviewing contracts for medical and stationery equipment and clinical supplies to make savings.

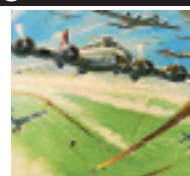
The hospital trust has recruited an advisor to help reduce the time patients spend on wards at Dudley's three hospitals.

The role was created as part of the Transformation project aimed at saving and reducing waste.

Wartime art going to auction



Chris Aston, from Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley, with some of Ron Jobson's work ready for the sale in October



Ron has also produced illustrations for Airfix model boxes and for many books on aircraft



Images of Spitfires sweeping through the sky and soldiers fleeing enemy fire are part of 20 wartime illustrations going under the hammer in Dudley.

Former propaganda artist Ron Jobson, aged 88, created the artworks when he was drafted into the War Office as a member of the Royal Engineers during the Second World War.

He was instructed to create illustrations for propaganda posters being sent out across the country to show the glory of the RAF. The grandfather-of-six has given some of his artwork to Phil and Chris Aston of Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley to auction off

in October. Mr Jobson, who lives in London, became a full-time illustrator after the war. He lent his skills to comic book series called Space Kingley between 1952 and 1954, but one of his major commissions was for Airfix in the 1960s.

Various scenes of airplanes in flight, illustrating the models, were created to whet the appetite of eager modellers. In 1967 Mr Jobson was responsible for the illustrations on all of the Matchbox 1-75 Series model boxes for that year. Around 20 artworks will be on sale at auction house Bayliss Hall, Tower Street, on October 15.

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Advice for company bosses

Company bosses can get financial advice during an awareness event in Brierley Hill. The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership is holding the open access to finance forum on September 13.

It takes place at the Copthorne Hotel, off Level Street, between 4.30pm and 7pm.

The event is designed to allow companies to informally meet the wide range of financial service providers operating in the Black Country.

Financial bodies attending the event will include commercial banks, corporate financiers, law firms, business and financial advisers, small business loan funds, accountants and business schools. Attendance is free but people must register by emailing events@bcsl.org.uk. To find out more, call 0845 313 8410.

Partnership board chairman, Stewart Towe, said: "We hope as many local businesses as possible will get along to the event at the Copthorne Hotel to receive support that is out there for businesses to raise their funds."

Leader of Dudley Council, Councillor Les Jones, said: "It will give direct access to a number of financial organisations, which can offer support."

Reunion plan

A reunion is being planned for former pupils of Kinver Secondary Modern who left in 1951 this month. Former pupils from the school are looking to get-together but have not yet arranged a date. For more information call David Thomas on 01384 278107.

Metal thieves strike at children's playground

Swings, slides and a climbing wall have been stolen by metal thieves from a children's play area in a Halesowen nature reserve.

The play equipment was cut down by thieves who struck in the morning of August 30 at the toddlers play area at The Leasowes, off Mucklow Hill.

The theft was discovered by staff when they arrived at work in the morning.

Two swings, two slides, a climbing wall and a chain bridge were stolen.

It is thought the offenders used a disk cutter or angle grinder to chop the equipment down from their frames before taking them away in a vehicle.

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Senior ranger Antony Ravenscroft next to where the slide should be

Council chiefs say they believe the equipment may have been taken to be sold on for scrap.

Metal thefts have been on the increase across the Black Country in recent months as prices and demands rise. Businesses, homes and churches have all been targeted by thieves.

Dreadful

Chairman of the Friends of Leasowes Park, Marianne Diller called the thefts "dreadful" news for the park and residents.

"I'm not sure how much this scrap metal would fetch in money but the equipment was so much more valuable to the community and to the park," she said.

"I'm really sad to hear about this as the playground is much used by children and their families and is one of the main attractions for the park."

Council chiefs said workers were yet to estimate the cost of the damage but it could cost the authority thousands of pounds.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture at Dudley Council, added: "I can't believe that people can stoop so low."

The area where the thieves struck has now been taped off for safety reasons.

Yosser calls it a day after 30 years



Watch Commander Terry Smith gets a good send-off

Veteran firefighter Terry "Yosser" Smith has called it a day after 30 years of battling blazes and rescuing people and animals from danger in the Black Country.

Terry, aged 57, from Cradley Heath, who has worked in Oldbury, Halesowen, West Bromwich, Tipton, Stourbridge and Cradley Heath, spent his last day at work as watch commander at Dudley Fire

Station recently. He was named Yosser by pals because of his resemblance to the Yosser Hughes character from the gritty 1980s TV series Boys from the Black Stuff, written by Alan Bleasdale.

"Some of the things I've liked most about firefighting have been rescuing kids from trees, babies stuck in cars and animals from various scrapes," he said.

Court will shut at end of month

Stourbridge County Court, which is being shut as part of Government cash cuts, will finally close at the end of this month.

The court, which handles bankruptcy cases and civil matters, will close on September 30. It is being shut as part of £41million cost-cutting measures by the Ministry of Justice and it follows other court closures in the area, including Halesowen Magistrates Court which was shut at the end of March and Dudley's County Court.

The Dudley court, at The Waterfront in Brierley Hill, also heard Wolverhampton Crown Court cases.

Staff from Dudley County Court were transferred to the town's magistrates court which has undergone work to accommodate the extra cases.

HM Court Service said there would not be any operational changes for members of Stourbridge County Court.

Spokeswoman Zoe Campbell said: "The current headcount for Stourbridge County Court is 3.29 full time equivalent."

"All staff from Dudley and Stourbridge county courts are already located in the same building."

Hairdressers help hospital

Hundreds of pounds have been raised by hairdressers who organised a community funday in Kingswinford.

Staff from Blaze Hair, Lapwood Avenue, helped stage the event on Bank Holiday Monday at The Courthouse pub in High Street. Around £350 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital.



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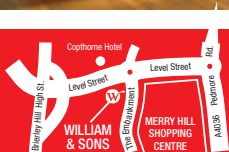
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Recycling trials to extend in borough

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A plastic and cardboard recycling trial could be rolled out to the whole of the Dudley borough in a move that would save the council £500,000-plus a year.

Environment bosses say increasing the amount of recycling carried out would drive down incineration costs. A trial has been operating at around 11,000 homes in the borough for the last six months.

The council says there has been a positive response from residents.

The authority says it would need to invest in new refuse lorries as well as recycling bags and boxes for homes, but the spending would be covered in the increase in revenue from the recyclable materials collected, estimated to be around £500,000.

The reduction in incineration costs would save around £530,000 a year.

A report has been drawn up and a decision on whether to extend the trial will be made later this year.

Benefit

Director of the urban environment John Millar says in the report: "The benefit of rolling out this service would be an increased recycling rate."

"This in turn will see an increase in the amount of recycling income received and also a decrease in the amount of waste sent for disposal."

Environment chief, Councillor David Stanley, said: "The trial has proven a great success and there are many advantages of extending it to the whole borough. We will now be analysing the data collected during the trial before making a decision."

The report will go before the environment scrutiny committee on September 7. The council already collects glass, cans and papers.

The trial began in October and was carried out in different parts of the borough including Brierley Hill, Pensnett, and Kingswinford. The overall average participation rate was 86.9 per cent across the borough.

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At the opening of the renovated pavilion are club chairman Harilal Patel, MP Margot James, club president Keith Jones and the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans

The restoration of a pavilion which is home to the historic Stourbridge Cricket Club has been completed.

Members of the club secured £33,200 of grants to repair the 86-year-old building at its War Memorial Athletic ground.

Dozens of young cricketers use the club each week to practise their skills. Harilal Patel, chairman of the

club, which was crowned Worcestershire County League champions this season, said: "We think that it is these general improvements off the field that have helped us on the field."

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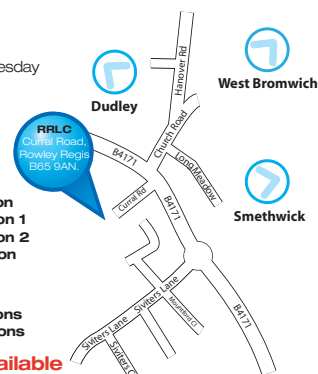
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Tutors will be at the enrolment to give more information about the courses, about how to sign up, and to help visitors to find a course to suit them.

The enrolment evening is at Leasowes Community College, Kent Road, Halesowen between 6.30pm and 9pm.

Quarry expansion plans spark fears over noise

Controversial plans to introduce new recycling facilities and equipment to expand work at a Dudley quarry have been unveiled.

WCL Quarries has applied to the council for permission to install a weighbridge on the Ketley Quarry site in Dudley Road, Kingswinford, and widen the access road to 25ft, allowing larger lorries through.

The application includes proposals for a new site layout. This would include a concrete road, site offices, car parking, and lighting, as well as improving security.

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The plans have been submitted alongside an application for a licence to carry out brick-crushing recycling and a bid to vary restrictions on working hours, allowing work to begin at 7am instead of 8am, sparking concern from neighbours.

Ignored

More than 2,000 people have signed a petition claiming that since the company bought the 55-acre site in July, workers have ignored restrictions on noise, dust and working hours – and say they fear it will get worse if the plans are given the go-ahead.

Company boss Simon Winner has

labelled the complaints "unsubstantiated", insisting the firm had done nothing wrong. He said that since opening earlier this year, they have created 11 new jobs.

"We are in compliance with all planning permissions and are working with, and are regularly inspected by, Dudley Council and the Environment Agency. None of the complaints have been substantiated," he said.

Council leaders have confirmed they are investigating the alleged breaches.

Ward councillor Patrick Harley said meetings between residents, councillors and the company had been ongoing.

"We're talking to the company and talking to residents and hopefully we can meet somewhere in the middle," he added.

New trail will open to boost walkers' fitness

An outdoor fitness trail taking walkers and runners on a tour of the Wyre Forest countryside will open this weekend.

The 1.5km Burlish Top Fitness Trail, starting from Kingsway in Stourport, is split into four parts with different tasks and stretches at each station.

The official opening will be on September 11, when there will be three free 30 minute taster sessions at 11.15am, 12.10am and 2.30pm, led by a qualified fitness coach.

Call 01652 732975 for details.

Centre is spruced up

Young people from across the Black Country have been helping to spruce up the grounds of a Dudley learning centre.

The team of 10 young adults from the Prince's Trust who live in Dudley, Quarry Bank, West Bromwich, Gornal and Wolverhampton have cut down overgrown trees and branches and have dug up the old ground surface, flattened it and relaid paving slabs in the grounds of the Meadow Road Applied Learning Centre in Wrens Nest.

Prince's trust team leader Julie Hickman said: "The group has worked extremely hard, working as a team while showing their determination to get this community project completed."

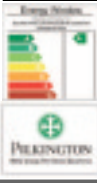
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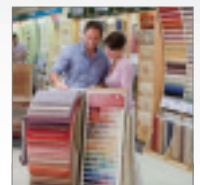
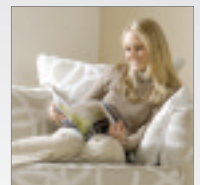
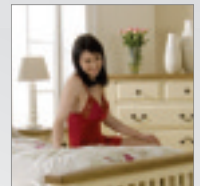
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Probe into school's leaders is complete

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An investigation into the leadership at a Black Country school has been completed by appointed officials.

Details on the outcome of the investigation into Olive Hill Primary School, in Halesowen, have not yet been published.

Education bosses at Dudley Council are remaining tight-lipped about any issues which could have sparked the investigation.

A report is being compiled following the examination into the leadership of the Springfield Road school in recent months.

Dudley joint branch secretary of National Union of Teachers, Jim Warner, confirmed the organisation was aware of the investigation.

Commenting

But he said the union would not be commenting at this stage.

The council's director of children's services, Mark Wyatt, will run the rule over the report before taking action.

Cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Liz Walker, said: "The investigation at Olive Hill, which is looking at the overall leadership at the school, is now complete and a report is being prepared for the director of children's services to consider."

"A decision will be made in due course, based on the findings in the report."

The school was ranked as "satisfactory" by Ofsted inspectors during their last visit in February this year.

Onions and all that Jazz



Keeper David Zebedee with the once-favourite onions that are now back on the menu for first-time mother Bornean orang-utan Jazz at Dudley Zoo

Pregnancy put a favourite vegetable well and truly off the menu for Dudley Zoo's Bornean orang-utan, Jazz.

But four months after giving birth the 19-year-old has rekindled her fancy for onions. The first-time mother shunned them and opted for soft fruits and salads instead. Staff upped her intake of fruits,

vegetables and cereals throughout the eight-and-a-half month pregnancy and in the early weeks of motherhood. Head of media and communications Jill Hitchman said: "Jazz has always loved her onions." The youngster – named Sprout by keepers – is feeding well, and keepers are certain she will be trying solid food soon.

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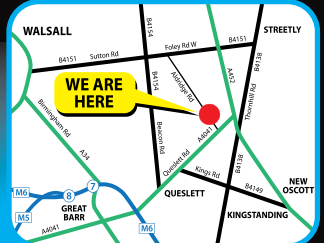
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Time for investment in our next generation

Government must do more for our young people.

As the new school year starts, young people across the borough have a lot to be proud of after another record year for GCSE and A-level results.

Whenever I visit local schools and colleges, I see young people working hard to get qualifications, determined to get on in life.

I was delighted to see that students at Dudley College achieved an amazing 97 per cent pass rate in their A-levels.

Pupils at Ellowes Hall achieved record results again this year. Results also improved at Castle High, High Areal, Holly Hall and Dormston in my constituency. These results and those elsewhere in the borough are just what teachers and pupils deserve.

Of course last year was a very difficult one for youngsters in the borough as they bore the brunt of the Tory-led Government's broken promises.

Before the election the Tories promised not to get rid of the Educational Maintenance Allowance – on which four out of five students at Dudley College depend – and Nick Clegg pledged there would be no rise in tuition fees.

EMA was a lifeline to many students in our area and helped cover the cost of equipment, travel and books. Along with the massive hike in tuition it seems the Government is set on making money more important than ability in determining whether young people do well and get on.

We should be doing all we can to help our young people fulfil their potential.

Not just so they can climb as far as their hard work, talent and ambition will carry them, but because making skills and education our number one priority is the only way we'll attract the new businesses and better jobs on which our prosperity will depend in the future.

Plan to boost apprentice numbers

The day before this year's GCSE results came out, the Government published figures showing almost one million 16-24 year olds are not in education or training.

I think we need to give young people every chance to improve the skills they need to get jobs.

That's why I'm backing a scheme to support the creation of thousands of apprenticeships in companies that provide services to the Government, including construction projects.



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

ects. Every year the Treasury spends £220 billion on private sector goods and services.

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The alternative – putting young people on the dole – is a waste of money and a waste of their potential.

Travel scheme must be protected

Many pensioners and disabled people across Dudley will have taken advantage of the Coach Concessionary Travel Scheme, which offers half price coach travel. But now Government cutbacks mean the scheme is being scrapped.

Cheap fares and regular services are a lifeline for pensioners who want to visit relatives, go shopping or just have a day out so this decision will not only hit the elderly and disabled in the pocket but it could also seriously affect their quality of life.

I want the government to think again and have tabled several parliamentary questions asking ministers to explain whether the government consulted users, coach operators and disability rights groups.

On Monday September 12 I will be attending a meeting in London to discuss these changes and I'm keen to get the views of local pensioners on how they benefitted from the scheme and what its withdrawal will mean for them. Drop me a line on ian.austin.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01384 342 504 to let me know your thoughts.

Nominate someone you know for Dudley Volunteer awards

If you know someone who helps out at a youth centre, runs a local football team or takes time to work at a local charity shop, you can nominate them for this year's Dudley Volunteer Awards.

More people in the UK volunteer than in anywhere else in the world. I think we should do a lot more to encourage volunteering and these awards are a great way of shining a light on the important and often unnoticed work of volunteers across Dudley.

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Titanic decision on anchor site

A replica of the Titanic anchor, forged in the Black Country almost a century ago, will take pride of place in its home town of Netherton after councillors agreed to create a permanent monument to recognise the connection.

Campaigners had fought to ensure that the 16-ton anchor would return from its temporary base at the Black Country Living Museum to Netherton.

And members of Dudley Council's

development control committee voted to approve the plans for its return. The 18ft-long anchor will be taken back to be positioned in the old market place near Netherton Arts Centre.

The anchor was built as part of a Channel 4 programme delving into the history of the construction of the famous passenger ship.

It had been originally positioned in the market place, now a garden, on a temporary plinth at the end of filming

for the show. But the anchor was moved to the Black Country Living Museum while discussions were held about its permanent location.

Committee member Councillor Geoffrey Southall said there was a case to delay the moving of the anchor to explore the costs involved with displaying it in an upright position.

But committee members decided to instead stick with the original plans - which will see it laid flat - and gave the scheme the go-ahead.

Service for cancer patients

Dudley District Citizens Advice Bureau and Macmillan Cancer Support have raised more than £480,000 worth of extra income for local people with cancer since joining forces with a new benefits advice service.

The service, to support people with cancer and their families, many of whom face giving up work as their treatment begins, was due to be showcased at an event at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, today.

The service says it has managed to find more than £480,000 in income and one-off grants for people living with cancer since starting seven months ago.

Chris Little, spokesman for Dudley Citizens Advice Bureau, said: "People affected by cancer need to know that they are receiving all the income which they are entitled to in order to meet the increased costs associated with cancer."

"However, accessing the information and advice they need can be hard."

The service is available to anyone living with cancer in Dudley on 01384 817721 and anyone who would like to volunteer to help should call the same number.

Stylish hospital fundraiser

Fundraising hairdressers helped to generate cash for a children's hospital in style at a charity event hosted by a Kingswinford pub.

Visitors flocked to the fun day at The Old Court House in High Street which was organised by Brett Harris of the nearby Blaze Hair salon.

Money raised at the event, which gave people the chance to get their hair curled, plaited or pinned up, will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Other activities included a barbecue, bouncy castles, face painting and Zumba exercise classes.

There was also an auction with lots including signed Wolves and West Bromwich Albion shirts.

Salon owner Brett Harris said the team hoped the event would raise hundreds of pounds for the hospital.



Stylists Alison Fieldhouse, Brett Harris and Leanne Hadlington, from Blaze Hair, Kingswinford with, at top, zumba instructors, Claire Steel and Danni Steel

A story of sex, rock 'n' roll and lousy decision making

KILLING BONO (PG)

Based on Neil McCormick's autobiography this tale of fate, sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and being the worst decision maker in the world is too bizarre not to be true.

This is the story of two Irish brothers Neil and Ivan McCormick, played by Ben Barnes and Robert Sheehan respectively, who miss the chance to be part of the world's biggest band.

Neil makes a decision for Ivan, unbeknown to his brother, when Bono offers to make him part of the burgeoning rock group that eventually goes on to be U2.

After making this cataclysmically stupid decision Neil, with Ivan in tow, sets out to make it in the fickle world of the music industry determined for his own part to be a success and to cover his own tracks so his brother never finds out how he determined his fate.

Nemesis

The brothers and their band struggle while all the time Neil is reminded of his nemesis, Bono et al, growing to be a global phenomenon playing stadiums all over the world, while they struggle to fill local community halls.

As they move to London and become more and more enmeshed in the seedy world of the industry, their journey is further complicated by being bankrolled by a local Dublin murderer, played by Bill Bailey lookalike Ralph Brown, who is keen to see a return on his investment.

Throw into the pot a predatory, homosexual landlord, camped up wonderfully by an obviously ailing Pete Postlethwaite; a music promoter who is here today and gone tomorrow and doesn't even like rock music, and a psychotic henchman who, although not too bright, has a penchant for using guns and you have a surreal journey that exposes the vagaries of life, the bizarre and rollercoaster world of rock 'n' roll and how sometimes fate deals a hand that slaps you right in the face.

Neil McCormick is really a small fish in a sea of sharks and his decision making is the worst since Adolf Hitler's parents decided to buy a bottle



Ben Barnes starring in Neil McCormick's Killing Bono

of Riesling instead of a condom and even when redemption stares him in the face he still manages to mess things up.

Killing Bono is not a laugh out loud kind of film but it's well worth watching and does have some great one liners such as: "You can't boo me, I went to Eton."

Killing Bono is out now.

THE PANIC IN NEEDLE PARK (18)



Kitty Winn and Al Pacino star in The Panic in Needle Park

This little known early outing for Al Pacino is a gritty, reality-style film which shows the seedy sub-culture of drugs, prostitution and crime.

The Panic was banned in the UK until recently for its graphic portrayal of drug use some of which, even 40 years on, is still uncomfortable to watch.

Pacino is Bobby a drug user, dealer and hustler who hooks up with Helen played by Kitty Winn. She is drawn into the world of Pacino's charismatic character being introduced to pimps, prostitutes, addicts, pushers and criminals like some bizarre networking exercise.

The Panic is filmed without a music soundtrack in a Ken Loach-style realism and is as seedy and uncompromising as contemporaries such as Midnight Cowboy or Serpico.

Throughout the film Pacino shows the brooding style and acting talent which went on to earn him the part in The Godfather.

This is not your usual Hollywood fare - there are no heroes or villains and no happy endings.

Surviving

This stripped-back look at how this subculture goes about surviving day to day, living hand to mouth and for the next fix, hustling anyone and everyone is just presented as a way of life.

As Helen is exposed to the darker side of Bobby's life which is constantly overshadowed by the local police determined to bust the drugs rings, she is dragged down into her own addiction and prostitution eventually selling out everything she values, even Bobby.

Be warned this is not a feel-good film but it is a stark warning of a whole strata of society which exists but most people choose to ignore until it spills over into their comfort zone.

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Redundancy pay set to be cut

Workers at Dudley Council leaving through redundancy could see their severance payout cut. Employees have the right to a payment if they are made redundant and have two years continuous employment with the council.

The amount of the redundancy payment is calculated using a statutory formula, which is based on age, length of service and salary. It is multiplied to calculate the final payout. That is now set to be changed which will lead to lower payments for

those leaving the authority. Bosses at the cash-strapped authority want to get rid of 427 posts by next April and around 350 have already left the council through voluntary redundancy. Around 25 have also gone through compulsory redundancy.

Councillor Tim Wright, cabinet member for human resources, law and governance at Dudley Council, said: "Local authorities have the discretion to have an enhanced severance scheme and Dudley uses a multiplier to calculate severance pay-

ments. This has been reviewed in light of the current economic climate and the proposal is to reduce it from 2.2 to 1.5. The reduction will lead to a saving, in terms of the costs associated with future redundancies."

He added: "This proposal is that this will come into effect for all staff, including teachers. The same multiplier is used for both compulsory and voluntary redundancies."

Bosses say the cannot yet calculate how much money the changes will save the local authority.

Council contacts go online

Council members in Dudley have introduced two new ways for residents to be able to get in contact with them.

People can get in touch with all 72 members via the social networking site flickr or by downloading a poster which can be found on the council's website.

Pictures of each councillor have been uploaded to the council's flickr page along with contact numbers, links to email addresses and information on the committees and agendas.

A poster has also been added to the council's website detailing all members' telephone numbers and committees they serve on.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones said: "We want to make sure that members are as accessible as possible and people have access to council committees and information."

"This is the first time we have added this information to flickr and I hope this will encourage more people to get involved with the council and the decision making process."

Hugh opens revamped tennis club

World champion cyclist Hugh Porter helped to cut the ribbon on a Black Country sports club's newly revamped tennis courts.

The 71-year-old Wulfrunian was guest of honour as patron of Halesowen Tennis Club where a £174,000 project to bolster the playing facilities has been completed.

The club, which is part of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club, has been refurbished and extended four courts at the Manor Way Stadium.

They were officially opened at a ceremony on Saturday where Mr Porter, who was joined by his wife and Olympic gold medalist swimmer Anita Lonsbrough, shared memories of his days spent on the courts.

"When I retired from cycling, I took up tennis and I took it up quite fanatically. I used play in the third team for the Albert in Wolverhampton in the South Staffordshire Division 1. I remember being thrashed down the road at Quarry Bank so being here has brought back lots of memories. I am impressed with the new courts."

Mr Porter, who was 5,000 metre individual pursuit world champion four times in six years between 1968 and 1973, was also joined by Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Halesowen councillor Ray Burston. The new courts have been



Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough with, left, club chairman Dave Clarkson, Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Councillor Ray Burston

extended by around seven feet to meet the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) standards.

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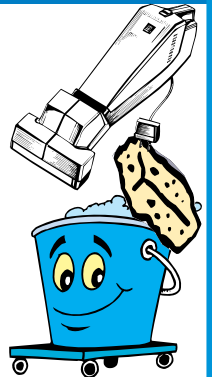
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Meeting offer over hospital waste row

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The boss of Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has offered to meet residents following further complaints about medical waste being dropped outside their homes.

People living near the site say used bandages, doctors' diaries and disposal tubs for sharp instruments such as syringes are continually being left behind by staff parking in residential streets.

Earlier this year an investigation was launched after confidential patient notes and syringes were found. Residents say they are still finding waste on a weekly basis.

Father-of-three Nicholas Bate of Kingswinford Road said today: "We had a letter from the hospital saying that they have a strict policy on the disposal of opened medical items, but it's still happening."

"It's a real concern as it's dangerous for children and dogs walking along the paths and grass."

Bandages

"We have thrown the soiled bandages away but have kept some of the other things as evidence."

"I go out once a week to clear it up as it looks like such a mess. This has been going on for seven years now."

Chief executive of Dudley Group of Hospitals Paula Clark today vowed to investigate the problem, urging residents to contact her about their findings and to keep what they find.

She said: "We would be very happy to meet with the residents concerned, and would ask them to bring the items found so that we can investigate further."

In October council chiefs will vote on plans to impose restrictions on streets surrounding the hospital in a bid to stop staff parking there.

Mr Bate said he hoped this will alleviate the problem.

Access would be restricted in some roads for non-residents, while parking would be banned in others.

The council recently held a public consultation and received 120 messages from householders supporting the plans.

Bosses at Russells Hall had opposed the idea. The plans, which will cost about £38,000, are due to be discussed at Central Dudley Area Committee in October.

If they are approved by committee they will then go before a meeting of the full council.

Engine shuts for a facelift



Black Country Living Museum demonstrator Mike Dunn at work operating the Newcomen engine

A replica of an 18th century steam engine at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley is now closed to the public so it can undergo a £40,000 facelift.

Industrialist Thomas Newcomen's 1712 engine transformed mining - and a Newcomen engine using original

designs and sourced from Black Country materials has been on display at the museum in Dudley for 25 years. But it is undergoing a revamp in time for the Newcomen 300th anniversary celebrations at the museum in July 2012. The programme will include replacing the wood head frame.

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Parking boost for town shoppers

Shoppers could get a bonus with double the number of free parking spaces in a Black Country high street in the wake of a multi-million pound redevelopment.

At least a dozen spaces could be created in Stourbridge's Lower High Street as part of a new plan.

The new spaces would be similar to the drive-in bays along one side of Lower High Street neighbouring King Edwards VI college.

They would replace the standard

parking bays which run up the right-hand side of the one way street approaching The Mitre pub.

Dudley Council bosses are looking at ways to create parking in the town during Tesco's £50 million redevelopment of the Crown Centre, which is due to start next year.

If the trial proves successful it could be made permanent. Transport engineers at the council are now looking into the viability of the plan.

A similar trial is taking place in

selected streets around Dudley town centre in a bid to boost trade and appease business owners.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, said discussions were being held into practicality of the plans.

"It is something I'd definitely like to happen and preferably in time for Christmas," he said.

"I feel it is something that could be done reasonably quickly as the road is already a one-way system."

Uncertain future for centres

The fate of up to 30 community centres across Dudley in need of £2.6million worth of upgrades and improvements hangs in the balance as council leaders prepare to vote on their future.

A report on the council-run centres - many of which are in a bad state of disrepair and need hundreds of thousands of pounds of investment to bring them up to legal standards - will be unveiled next month.

Councillors will vote on a course of action which leaders have admitted is "likely" to include closing some down and moving services.

The cost of upgrading the old buildings has been valued at £2.6million - around 10 times the council's annual budget for centres.

Community services chief, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said the cabinet would vote on September 14.

Among those centres under threat is the Quarry Bank centre in Sheffield Street, where the Quarry Bank Operatics Society has met for 50 years. Upper Gornal Community Centre in Vale Street and Brockmoor Community Centre in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill.

Crown fun day raises £7,000

A pub packed in the punters for a fundraising day in aid of Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Chris Foxall, landlord of The Crown in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, has organised the annual event for the past six years.

During that time the fun day has raised more than £38,000 for the charity.

And this year, it is hoped the event will have raised more than £7,000 for the hospice. There was entertainment from an array of local groups who provided the musical entertainment while there was also an auction conducted by Dudley Council leader Les Jones, a tombola and a barbecue.

The hospice's fundraising development manager Janet Jones said: "Chris has proved to be a long-standing and committed supporter of Mary Stevens Hospice and we are most grateful to him and to his friends and regulars for organising this event."



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Peter's story

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My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using

the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money - what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural. To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

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James Wong with Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Jim Paice at The Edible Garden Show 2011

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This year the show will have an additional exhibition hall, larger animal marquee and food areas and will be crammed with an inspiring mix of celebrity gardeners, chefs, livestock experts and growers, innovative products, cookery demonstrations and interactive events for the whole family.

Returning to Britain's famous venue – Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire on March 16-18 – the event brings together key experts and a wide range of exhibitors to create a one-stop-shop for kitchen gardeners, experienced growers and keen beginners.

Preparations are in full swing to ensure the show has everything you need at the start of the growing season. BBC TV's award-winning gardening presenter James Wong will give daily talks and you can read his monthly column complete with gardening tips and recipes on The Edible Garden Show's website www.theediblegardenshow.co.uk in the run up to the 2012 event.

Passionate

Passionate gardener James said: "The Edible Garden Show is a great concept. It's high time that Grow Your Own enthusiasts had their own dedicated national show and the success of the launch event demonstrates how much interest there is among the public. The show is going to grow in popularity and I am pleased to be part of the team."

The inaugural event at Stoneleigh Park in March this year was a huge hit attracting nearly 11,000 visitors and winning high praise from celebrity gardeners and innovative exhibitors alike. TV gardening expert Diarmuid Gavin said the 2011 show had "...everything the budding fruit and vegetable gardener could possibly require."

The 2012 showstopper will have something for everyone – from bees, chickens, goats and pigs to seeds, sheds, wellies, wormeries as well as an extensive range of innovative and exciting products.

More than half of the exhibitors from the first show, including The Poultry Club of Great Britain and The Togguburg Breeders Society, have already signed up for next year.

There will be advice in spades on digging for the dinner plate or growing for the fruit bowl and inspirational ways to recycle household items such as transforming old newspapers into biodegradable pots for seedlings and turning waste products into compost. Demonstrations in the cookery theatre will offer up ideas on how to make the most of your harvest with cheese making, desserts and delicious treats.

So if you have always dreamed of growing your own fruit and vegetables, wanted to know about rearing pigs or keeping chickens, or just wanted to get better at living the 'Good Life', The Edible Garden Show is the must-see gardening event for you.

For full details visit www.theediblegardenshow.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0844 338 8001.



Left, Jim Paice and Diarmuid Gavin officially open The Edible Garden Show

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- Coastal tour calling at Weymouth and Lulworth Cove
 - Visit to Dorset town of Swanage and brief visit to Poole harbour to marvel at the many boats

Optional excursion:
• Guernsey on Condor Ferries - £25 pp

5 Days • 4 Nights: 10 October from £189.95



Jersey • Norfolk Lodge Hotel

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5 Days • 4 Nights:
10 October from £279.95



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Sparkling seas, golden sands, rugged cliffs and picturesque harbours await the visitor to Guernsey.

L'Eree Bay hotel is set approximately 50 yards from a beautiful sandy beach.

5 Days • 4 Nights:
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Enjoy a weekend break which take in so much. Firstly we visit Chester - a delightful historic city. Afterwards drive over the spectacular Horseshoe Pass and visit the beautiful town of Llandudno. From here we make our way to Llandudno where accommodation has been reserved on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. On day 2, we take in the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet - Cheshire Oaks

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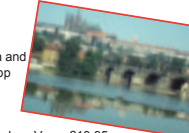
Prague boasts a stunning skyline with magnificent views over the River Vltava. There are Mediaeval cobbled streets, baroque facades, renaissance palaces and stunning churches. The 4* Hotel Duo has a great range of facilities including a bar, restaurant and sports centre. A metro station is just opposite the hotel entrance.

Included excursion:
Guided tour of Prague

- Optional excursions:**
- Visit to southern Bohemia and Cesky Krumlov - £19.95 pp
 - Charles IV's magnificent country castle - Karlstejn Castle - £9.95 pp
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 - Sorrento

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01 October from £449.95



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On day 4 you can join our optional excursion visiting beautiful Lake Titisee, Staufen and delightful Freiburg - £19.95 pp
Special Offer: Book both excursions for just £30pp

5 Days • 4 Nights: 10 October from £199.95



Ostend Free Bar Break

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A 'free bar' with local draught beer, red or white wine or soft drinks between 20.30 hrs and midnight is included.

- Optional excursions:**
- Sluis & Bruges - £9.95 pp
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Antwerp & Ghent

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 - Lake Garda circular tour

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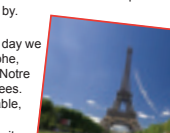
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Included excursions:

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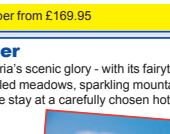
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Tuesday 7.15pm **High Arcal School**, Sedgley DY3 1BP

Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm **Wollescote Community Centre**

Tuesday 7.45 - 8.45pm **Wollescote Community Centre**, Wassel Road, Wollescote DY9 9BY

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Friday 6.30-7.30pm **Holy Trinity Church Hall**, Wordsley DY8 5RU

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So when you are planning, it's worth thinking about who you are dining with. If it's an elderly relative who doesn't really like anything too fancy, then ask them where they really like to go.

Don't expect an award-winning fusion restaurant to be at the top of the list.

They would probably prefer something familiar from a place they have been to a lot of times.

If it's a meal with the youngsters, then check out which places seem to be child friendly.

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Tastes

Of course, the West Midlands wouldn't be the place it is without such a wonderful mix of tastes and cultures, and that's why we sometimes struggle to choose. So here are some things you might like to consider:

Occasion. Formal settings are appropriate for meals in which you are trying

to impress a guest. For large gatherings, family-style restaurants are appropriate. However, if you are by yourself, you might try a fast-food establishment.

Convenience. Choosing a service that is convenient can be an integral part of the decision making process. For example, perhaps the easiest transaction is to order a takeaway if you only have an hour or so.

Quality. Overall quality can affect many details of your dining experience. The ingredients, nutritional value, and overall restaurant atmosphere can have varying degrees of quality.

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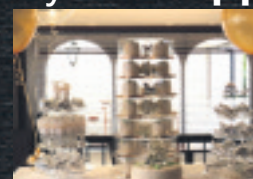
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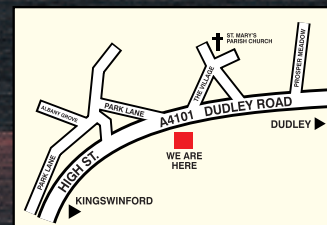
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Weekend Link 1.30 *5 Real Reasons* 1.45
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300 Years History of Britain: 200 Live At the
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World 11.15 *With the First*
Dragonair 11.30 *Contract* 11.50 *Drama*
Anthony Harding 19.55 BBC News

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Wright: *Stark Extra with Gatsby* (Logan) **12.00**
Music/Landline. **12.15** *Big Brother* (F) **11.50** Home
 and Away **1.05** Melbourne **2.15** CSI: Crime
 Scene Investigation (F) **1.15** *Music in Moments*
 (F) **3.25** Flint Roy and Bone (1987) **5.00**
News at 5 (Weather) **5.30** Melbourne **6.00**
 The 11th Hour (F) **6.15** *News at 6*
News at 7 **7.30** Power Stars (F) **8.15** *Music Update*
8.30 The Gadget Show **9.15** *News at 8* **9.30** *Big*
Brother: The Evidence **10.00** The Bachelor **11.00**
Big Brother: The Evidence **11.30** *Big Brother*
Bit on the Side **12.15** One-Club International
 (F) **12.30** *News at 12* **1.00** *News at 1*
Mindful **1.30** *Midnight Comedy* (F) **1.55** *Power*
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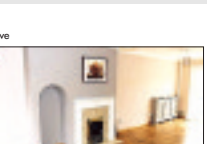
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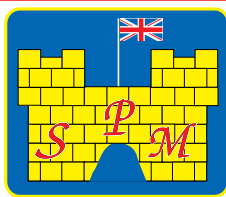
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BRIERLEY HILL, MADISON AVENUE
● Impressive semi detached property ● Two bedrooms, master with ensuite shower room ● Splendid lounge with Juliette balcony
● Superb fitted dining kitchen with built in oven & hob ● Ground floor study room/possible bedroom three ● Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
● First floor bathroom ● Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
● Delightful rear garden & allocated parking ● NO DSS NO PETS

£595 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, FOXDALE DRIVE
● Impressive semi detached property ● Three bedrooms
● Master with built in wardrobe ● Splendid lounge with feature fire place
● Superb refitted dining kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Delightful upvc conservatory ● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
● Enclosed rear garden & drive way
● NO DSS NO PETS

£550 pcm



NETHERTON, GOSFORD DRIVE
● Impressive three storey town house ● Three bedrooms
● Splendid refitted kitchen with oven & hob
● Superb bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
● Delightful landscaped rear garden
● Black paved drive way
● NO DSS NO PETS

£525 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, BAGLEY SREET
● Impressive modern mid town house ● Two double bedrooms
● Superb lounge with electric fire
● Splendid fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Electric storage heating & double glazing ● Delightful small rear garden
● Allocated & visitor parking space
● NO DSS NO PETS

£510 pcm



CRADLEY HEATH, BEARMORE ROAD
● Splendid modern semi detached property ● Two bedrooms
● Superb lounge with french doors
● Attractive fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & upvc double glazing ● Delightful rear garden
● Garage & drive way
● NO DSS NO PETS

£510 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, CHURCH STREET
● Impressive three storey town house ● Three bedrooms
● Splendid lounge
● Superb refitted kitchen with oven & hob
● Attractive bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
● Delightful rear garden
● NO PETS

£495 pcm



TIPTON, HURST LANE
● Impressive ground floor two bedroom apartment
● Splendid lounge
● Superb fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Attractive bathroom with shower over the bath
● Upvc double glazing ● Gas central heating
● Allocated parking
● NO PETS

£475 pcm



TIPTON, WILKINSON HOUSE, RICHARD BRADLEY WAY
● Impressive first floor apartment within small block
● Two bedrooms, master with built in wardrobes ● Splendid lounge
● Fitted kitchen with appliances
● Bathroom with shower over the bath ● Low tariff electric heating
● Upvc double glazing
● Allocated parking
● NO DSS NO PETS

£450 pcm



DUDLEY, NORMANS HOUSE, THE PARADE
● Impressive first floor apartment within small block
● One double bedroom with wardrobes & bed
● Splendid lounge with leather sofa
● Superb fitted kitchen with appliances
● Bathroom with shower over the bath ● Gas central heating
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● NO DSS NO PETS

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Dudley **£84,950**



Hallchurch Road

Connells are pleased to introduce this modern two bedroom end terrace having lounge, kitchen diner, two bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, central heating and double glazing. Off road parking to front, rear garden.

Tividale **£85,000**



Tower Rise

Ideal Investment Opportunity. Connells introduce this three bedroom semi detached property having two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens. (Property in need of modernisation).

Sedgley **£109,950**



The Quadrant

Connells introduce this three bedroom end terrace property having two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs shower room, gas central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens.

CALIFORNIA ROAD **£94,950**



TIVIDALE

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises porch, hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

Dudley **£80,000**



Occupation Street

A well presented mid terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front, yard and garden to rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

GOODRICH MEWS **£90,000**



LOWER GORNAL

Connells introduce this third floor new build apartment having one reception room, fully fitted kitchen with appliances, fitted bathroom, two bedrooms, allocated off road parking, central heating, double glazing. All carpets that are fitted are to be included.

GILL STREET **£110,000**



NETHERTON

A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached property comprising of entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, driveway, garage, rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Tipton **£164,950**



Castle Road

Connells are pleased to introduce this traditional detached extended property having three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, central heating, double glazing, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking to the front, garage to the rear.

HOSPITAL LANE **£110,000**



COSELEY

Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property having two bedrooms, one reception room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, gas central heating, double glazing as specified, off road parking space and garage, front and rear gardens, alarmed.

Dudley **£119,950**



Greenpark Road

A three bedroom semi detached property accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs shower room, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.

Shirley Road **£164,950**



A traditional refurbished detached property, comprises entrance hallway, converted cellars, lounge, dining room, inner lobby, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms, bathroom and w.c., driveway, detached garage, garden to the rear, utility & w.c., double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

The Broadway **£199,950**



Connells introduce this extended semi detached having five bedrooms, two reception rooms (one having shower room off & one having cloakroom room off), fitted kitchen with dining area, five bedrooms, family bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking for several vehicles, rear garden.

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Dudley **£165,000**



The Broadway

A traditional three bedroom semi detached property comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, second reception room, kitchen, third reception room, three bedrooms and bathroom. To the front of the property there is off road parking, garage, rear garden.

Coseley **£235,000**



Nicholds Close

Connells introduce this detached property situated in a cul-de-sac location having four bedrooms master with en-suite, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs cloakroom, family bathroom, central heating, double glazing, garage and off road parking, front & rear gardens.

£95,000



Uplands Road

Connells introduce this semi detached property having one through lounge, fitted kitchen, utility area, downstairs w.c., three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, off road parking, front and rear gardens, central heating & double glazing.

£125,000



Spring Parklands

Connells introduce this three bedroom semi detached having two reception rooms, sitting room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, three bedrooms, central heating and double glazing, block paved off road parking to the front, rear garden. (Garage converted into a sitting room/storage utility area).

Tividale **£78,000**



Dudley Road West

A mid terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

£79,999



Public Notice

Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £91,000 for Stella Road, Tipton, DY4 9BW. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells, 4-5 Stone Street, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 1NS 01384 214 770

Foxyards **£129,950**



Melstock Close

Connells introduce this three bedroom semi detached property having extended lounge, fitted kitchen, central heating, double glazing, three bedrooms upstairs, upstairs bathroom, off road parking & garage, rear garden.

£150,000



Cromwell Drive

A well presented detached property, accommodation comprises porch, entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

£85,000



Meadow Road

A much improved semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

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Trafalgar Road, Tividale



Offers Over £110,000 **NEW**

★★★VIEWING RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS PROPERTY★★★Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear garden and driveway.

Brunel Drive, Tipton



£90,000 **NEW**

Mid Terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising, entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking. Viewing recommended

Lansdowne Close, Dudley



£100,000 **NEW**

Three bedroom detached property briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway. Viewing recommended

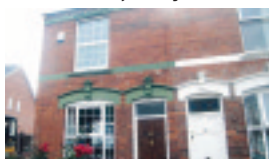
Richborough Drive, Dudley



Offers Over £105,000 **NEW**

This very well presented two bedroom property must be viewed to appreciate the views that the property offers. Comprising of an entrance hall, modern kitchen, lounge, bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking.

Junction Street, Dudley



Offers Over £80,000 **NEW**

End terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden. Ideal first time buyer purchase

Heronville Drive, West Bromwich



£34,950

First floor one bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance porch, kitchen, lounge and bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing

Chichester Grove, Dudley



Offers Over £90,000 **NEW**

Terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden, and driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED, Ideal first time buyer purchase

Grange Court, Grange Road, Dudley



Offers Over £65,000 **NEW**

Ground floor, one bedroom flat briefly comprising communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking. Viewing recommended

Monins Avenue, Tipton



Offers Over £55,000 **NEW**

Ground floor one bedroom flat briefly comprising communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking. Viewing recommended

Sannders Crescent, Tipton



Offers Over £160,000

Modern three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, kitchen/diner, conservatory, lounge, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, garden, garage and driveway.

Dudley Wood Avenue, Dudley



Offers Over £115,000 **NEW PRICE**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising through lounge/diner, extended kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom front and rear gardens, garage and driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Langley Avenue, Bilston



Offers Over £90,000

Well presented terraced three bedroom property comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Raintree, Smithy Lane, Brierley Hill



Offers Over £120,000

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St. Michaels Grove, Dudley



Offers Over £160,000

three bedroom detached property with garage, conservatory, modern kitchen, lounge/diner, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway. Viewing essential

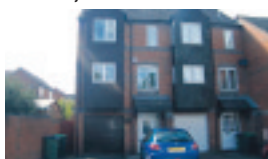
Abbotsford Drive, Dudley



Offers Over £230,000

Detached four bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, sitting room, downstairs bathroom, kitchen/diner, conservatory, upstairs shower room, rear garden, driveway and garage

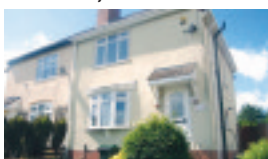
Hill Road, Tividale



Offers Over £110,000 **NEW PRICE**

Modern end terraced three storey three bedroom comprising, kitchen, downstairs wc on ground floor, lounge, bedroom three/study on first floor and second floor having bedroom one, two and bathroom,

Dale Terrace, Tividale



Offers Over £100,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, front and rear gardens, drive, and garage.

Summerfield Road, Dudley



£100,000

Semi detached three bedroom comprising, entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, garden, garage and off road parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Middlepark Road, Dudley



Offers Over £95,000

Three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising entrance hall lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, storage garage and driveway. Viewing recommended

Alexandra Road, Tipton



£65,000

Mid terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising of two reception rooms, kitchen and downstairs bathroom.

Glen Road, Dudley



Offers over £75,000

Semi detached two bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, garden and drive way, Viewing recommended

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Pleasantly located in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac this attractively presented, extended Modern 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides very realistically priced spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation which briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Family Garden Room, Downstairs Wet/Showers Room with W.C., 3 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Side Garage, pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Driveway for 3/4 cars.

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Offers around £128,500



HOLLY HALL

PENSNETT ROAD

This superbly presented, stylishly refurbished Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family and is very conveniently positioned close to Russels Hall Hospital. Viewing highly recommended with Reception Hall, attractive Lounge, superbly refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and integrated fridge and freezer, 3 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous appointed Bathroom with shower, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway for two cars to the front.

Offers around £127,500



CORBYNS HALL

COMBER DRIVE

Occupying a pleasant corner plot on this ever popular development, this delightfully kept Modern 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides very realistically priced spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned Front and Rear Gardens and Garage to rear.

Offers around £112,000



BRIERLEY HILL

ADELAIDE STREET

This sizeable 4 Bedroomed Intermediate Terraced residence represents an excellent opportunity for the larger, young family and provides generously proportioned, gas centrally heated accommodation upon three floors in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Large Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Large Attic Room, enclosed Rear Garden Yard.

Offers around £97,500



LYE

KING STREET

This attractively presented, Modern 2 Bedroomed End Townhouse provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer or INVESTOR (tenant in situ) and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 2 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Pleasant Landscaped Patio Rear Gardens and Parking Space to the Rear.

Offers around £94,950



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ALEXANDER HILL

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Offers around £89,950



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SCHOOL ROAD

This 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated (not tested) accommodation with Upvc replacement windows and although requiring improvement and upgrading represents an excellent opportunity for the First Time Buyer or Investor. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Downstairs W.C., 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, Bathroom and pleasant rear Garden.

Offers around £69,950



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QUENTIN DRIVE

Most pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with large well kept rear gardens, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroomed Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Large Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

Offers around £209,950



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CALLCOTT DRIVE

Available at an unbelievable reduced price this attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow provides spacious Gas Centrally heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation pleasantly situated in this popular cul-de-sac and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Feature Fireplace, neatly fitted Kitchen with built-in oven & hob, integrated washing machine and fridge & freezer, 2 Double Bedrooms, Stylish Bathroom, shower, Side Carport/Garage, block paved Driveway and pleasant Rear Gardens.

Offers around £137,450



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DUNSLADE CRESCENT

Enjoying splendid views from this popular and convenient address this attractive Modern 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or professional/refined couple and is available with "NO UPWARD CHAIN". Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Attractively Fitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

Offers around £129,950



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Offers around £124,950



PENSNETT

CHELMAR DRIVE

This stylishly improved, extended 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated central air and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation which should be of particular interest to the young family or those with disabled relatives as there is a Downstairs Wet/Showers room with W.C., 2 Double Bedrooms, Stylish Bathroom, Separate W.C., Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Long Lawned Front Garden with Driveway for 3/4 cars.

Offers around £114,950



BRIERLEY HILL

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Providing deceptively spacious recently redecorated gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family, this neatly presented 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace is conveniently situated in this popular and convenient address and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower and enclosed rear Gardens.

Offers around £87,500



BRIERLEY HILL

PLANET ROAD

This delightfully presented, much improved Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Flat provides well planned gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning first time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall and stairs to Central Landing, Spacious Lounge, Superb Refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom and Shower. Parking area close by and small Side Garden area. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Offers around £77,500

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PROPERTY AUCTION TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2011

66 SCHOOL ROAD, TETTENHALL WOOD

3 bed Semi - 2 Reception - for modernisation

Guide: £92,000/£97,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER AT 9.30 am

2 CASTLECROFT AVENUE, CASTLECROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON

Spacious 3 bed Semi in good location

Through Lounge, large Kitchen, Gas CH, Garage

Guide: £115,000/£125,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 10.15 am

41 MANLOVE STREET, PENN FIELDS

Late Victorian 3 bed Terraced, 2 Reception - needs improvement

Guide: £69,000/£74,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am

152 ALDERSLEY ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Late 19th Century End Terraced for modernisation

2 Reception, 2 Beds

Guide: £53,000/£58,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 11.45 am

190 BUSHBURY LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON

3 bed Semi offering good letting potential

Guide: £63,000/£68,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 12.30 pm

244 BROMLEY LANE, KINGSWINFORM

Smart 3 bed Semi, extended kitchen, garage, pleasant rear garden

Guide: £98,000/£103,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 9.30 am

44 DILLOWAYS LANE, WILLENHALL

For Investment - 3 bed Mid terraced

Tenanted - £4,732 + per annum

Guide: £49,000/£54,000

VIEWING:

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46 DILLOWAYS LANE, WILLENHALL

Large 3 bed End Terraced, altered/extended Ground Floor, garage

Guide: £63,000/£68,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am

18 WINDSOR ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Detached with spacious rooms, 3 beds, 2 reception, kitchen extension

Guide: £64,000/£69,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th AND 10th SEPTEMBER at 11.45 am

38 FAIRVIEW ROAD, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

Pleasant location, well presented, 3 bed Semi. Quick sale desired

Guide: £112,000/£117,000

VIEWING:

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Guide: £85,000/£95,000

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● Spacious reception hall, cloakroom
● Lounge/dining area, modern kitchen
● En suite, bathroom, driveway, garage
● Level south facing rear garden
● Central heating, double glazing & alarm



REDUCED - OPEN DAY 17TH 10 TILL 12 & 18TH 2 TILL 4
CINDER ROAD, GORNAL G.P. £269,950
● Executive style 4 bedroom detached home
● Cloakroom, lounge, dining room
● Breakfast kitchen, 2 en-suite shower rooms
● Family bathroom, garage, central heating
● Double glazing, NHBC warranty



3 COPPERBEECH DRIVE ORO £210,000
KINGSWINFORM
● 3 bedroom link detached house
● "L" shaped lounge, dining room
● Re-fitted cloakroom, large conservatory
● Fitted kitchen, bathroom, car port, garage
● Central heating & double glazing



16 HINSFORD CLOSE £209,950
KINGSWINFORM
● 4 bedroom detached house
● Lounge, dining room, fitted cloakroom,
● Re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite
● Garage with utility area, driveway
● Central heating & double glazing



3 FERNHURST DRIVE £175,000
PENNSNETT
● 4 bedroom detached house
● Canopy porch, lounge, dining room
● Fitted cloakroom, re-fitted kitchen
● Bathroom, en-suite shower room
● Garage, driveway, central heating



NEW
106 BROMLEY LANE £164,950
KINGSWINFORM
● 3 bedroom link detached property
● Cloakroom, "T" shaped lounge/dining area
● Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom
● Block paved driveway, car port, garage
● Central heating, double glazing



39 MOUNT PLEASANT £164,950
KINGSWINFORM
● 2/3 bedroom traditional semi-detached
● Study/reception hall, lounge, dining room
● Cellar, conservatory, kitchen
● Large ground floor bathroom, rear garden
● Central heating & double glazing



80 ENVILLE ROAD £157,500
WALL HEATH
● THE EDGE OF GREEN BELT COUNTRYSIDE
● A 4 bedroom mid terraced house
● Lounge, dining room, cloakroom
● Re-fitted kitchen, shower room
● Central heating & double glazing (wh. stated)
● Newly fitted carpets and blinds



NEW
1 NEW STREET £152,500
KINGSWINFORM
● Double fronted 2 bedroom and terraced
● Dining room, lounge, cellar, kitchen
● Bathroom, landing, en-suite cloakroom
● Rear garden, parking to rear, NO CHAIN
● Central heating, double glazing



42 LUTLEY DRIVE £149,950
PEDMORE
● 3 storey, 3 bedroom mid terraced property
● Popular estate close to rail links/M5 access
● Close to Stourbridge, good schools nearby
● Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, garage
● D. glazing to windows/doors & c. heating



5 GRIFFIN STREET £142,500
NETHERTON
● 2 bedroom semi detached on a wide plot
● Development potential - sub. to planning
● Verandah, 3 reception rooms
● Kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage
● Large driveway, good size rear garden



25 SOUTHERN CLOSE £126,950
KINGSWINFORM
● A modern 2 bedroom and terraced house
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen
● Re-fitted bathroom, rear garden
● Two allocated parking spaces
● Central heating & double glazing



22 ROKWOOD CLOSE £124,950
KINGSWINFORM
● A 3 bedroom mid town house
● Through lounge/dining area
● Fitted kitchen, re-fitted shower room
● Garage at rear, and central heating
● Double glazing where stated



10 LABURNUM ROAD £112,950
KINGSWINFORM
● A 1 bedroom house
● Lounge, conservatory, kitchen
● Bathroom, double width driveway
● Easy to maintain front & rear gardens
● Storage heating, double glazing & alarm



285 STOURBRIDGE ROAD £109,000
HOLLY HALL
● Modernised 3 bedroom mid-terraced house
● Through lounge/dining area, breakfast kitchen
● Re-fitted bathroom, vehicular access at rear
● Garage space sub. to planning approval at rear
● Rear garden, central heating & double glazing



45 CHURCH STREET £99,950
PENNSNETT
● A 2 bedroom semi-detached house
● Lounge, re-fitted kitchen, fitted cloakroom
● Rear verandah, re-fitted bathroom
● Tastefully decorated, central heating
● Double glazing



199 BROMLEY LANE, KINGSWINFORM O/O £99,950
● 3 bedroom mid terraced property
● Entrance lobby, lounge, rear hall
● Re-fitted breakfast kitchen & bathroom
● Off road parking for 2 cars at rear
● Central heating & double glazed windows
● No upward chain



85 FITTON AVENUE £137,950
KINGSWINFORM
● A 3 bedroom semi detached property
● Through lounge/dining area
● Conservatory, kitchen, bathroom
● Garage, front and rear garden
● Central heating, double glazing

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YOUR MOVE



OAKHAM AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•En-Suite To Bedroom One•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•No Chain

£99,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL £154,950



DEEPALE LANE

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Basement Level Having Bathroom & Bedroom 4/Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•En-Suite To Bedroom 3•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE £179,950



OAK CRESCENT

•Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom Having White Suite•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazed Where Stated•Rear Garden•Driveway•Garage•Viewing Room

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



GRAMPLAN ROAD

•Improved Semi Detached Residence•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room/Bedroom Three•Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Block Paved Driveway

£139,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON £74,950



FLORENCE ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen/Diner•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing•No Chain•Driveway•Rear Garden

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BILSTON £159,950



CADGWITH GARDENS

•Detached Residence•Four Bedrooms•Lounge•Games/Reception Room•Dining Area•Kitchen•Utility Room & Cloakroom•Bedroom One Having En-Suite•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway•No Chain

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE £152,950



DARBYS HILL ROAD

•Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow•Lounge & Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazed Where Stated•Front And Rear Garden•Driveway And Garage•No Upward Chain

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON £94,950



PARK LANE EAST

•Mid Terraced Residence•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•First Floor Shower Room•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY WOOD £117,950



DUDLEY WOOD ROAD

•Two bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Lounge/dining room•Kitchen and Conservatory•Bathroom/wc•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing

Front and Rear Garden•Garage•Driveway

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

NETHERTON £112,950



CHICHESTER AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Mid Townhouse•Lounge•Kitchen/Diner•Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Front and Rear Garden

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY £112,000



BEECH GREEN

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Corner Plot Location•Front and Rear Garden•Driveway

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY £420 PCM



HELLIER STREET

•A three bedroom terraced residence comprising two reception rooms, kitchen and ground floor bathroom. Other features include gas central heating and double glazed. **DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTEE**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

NETHERTON £500 PCM



ST. GEORGES ROAD

An improved three bedroom semi detached having two reception rooms, kitchen, ground floor wc, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Other features include gas central heating and double glazing

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

UPPER GORNAL £520 PCM



EDMUND ROAD

Three bedroom semi detached comprising hallway, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, ground floor cloakroom/wc, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom having shower cubicle and bath. To the outside having rear garden and driveway, gate

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY £600 PCM



NEW CROWN STREET

A three bedroom semi detached having ground floor cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside having garden and driveway leading to garage. Other features include gas central heating

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

PUBLIC NOTICE £69,950



71 ANCHOR DRIVE, TIPTON, DY4 7RD

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £62,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to Your Move Estate Agents before exchange contracts takes place

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DUDLEY

215, High Street

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NO UPWARD CHAIN

PLOT 2 HILLMAN DRIVE £325,000

OAKHAM
•Impressive detached house
•Four bedrooms
•Ensuite shower room & dressing room
•Spacious accommodation
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



27 PRIORY ROAD O/O £300,000

DUDLEY
•Extended & improved residence
•Five bedrooms
•Conservatory
•Utility room, attic room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



276 NORTHWAY £289,950

SEDGLEY
•Spacious detached family home
•Well presented & improved
•Spacious, flexible living accommodation
•Impressive living room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED

31 TURLS HILL ROAD £285,000

SEDGLEY
•Spacious detached family home
•Four bedrooms with ensuite
•Considerably improved & extended
•Good sized level corner plot
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



11 GREENACRES £235,000

SEDGLEY
•Extended detached house
•Superb position adjacent greenbelt
•Beautiful landscaped gardens
•Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



13 OAKLEIGH DRIVE £222,500

SEDGLEY
•Detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Conservatory/Verandah
•Utility room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



42 BATH STREET £174,950

SEDGLEY
•Spacious semi detached house
•Three bedrooms, ensuite shower room
•Extended & improved
•Spacious bathroom
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



NO UPWARD CHAIN

38 DOVEDALE ROAD £169,950

WOLVERHAMPTON
•Three bedroom semi detached
•Extensively modernised
•Well fitted kitchen & bathroom
•Large rear garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



24 LINFIELD GARDENS £154,950

SEDGLEY
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Well maintained & improved
•L shaped living room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



142 EVE LANE £149,950

UPPER GORNAL
•Well maintained & improved semi detached
•Three bedrooms, large conservatory
•Refitted kitchen & bathroom
•Ample off street parking
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED

281 WRENS NEST ROAD £134,950

WOODSETTON
•Spacious modern three storey house
•Three bedrooms
•Well presented throughout
•Two car parking spaces at rear
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



26 PATRICIA CRESCENT £125,000

WOODSETTON
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Through living room, conservatory
•Extended breakfast kitchen
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



5 FAREHAM CRESCENT O/A £125,000

WOLVERHAMPTON
•Modern mid terraced house
•Three bedrooms
•Spacious bathroom
•Off street parking at rear
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



83 IVYHOUSE LANE £119,950

COSELEY
•Detached construction
•Two bedrooms, kitchen extension
•Attached garage
•Well presented throughout
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED

31 ABBEY STREET £119,950

LOWER GORNAL
•Mid terrace house
•Three bedrooms
•Deceptively spacious
•Separate lounge & dining room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED

40 NEW STREET £110,000

LOWER GORNAL
•Stylish two bedroom terraced house
•Extensive modernisation & improvement
•Double glazed windows & gas central heating
•Delightful secluded garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



FLAT 5 NORTH ONE MEWS £102,500

SEDGLEY
•Modern ground floor flat
•One bedroom
•Spacious accommodation
•Communal gardens, allocated car parking
•SEDGLEY



REDUCED

15 BEECH CLOSE £99,950

SEDGLEY
•Well presented semi detached
•Three bedrooms
•Shower room
•Re-fitted kitchen
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



101 LANGSTONE ROAD £90,000

DUDLEY
•Semi detached property
•Two bedrooms
•Private rear garden
•Off road parking
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



102 KENILWORTH CRESCENT £75,000

PARKFIELDS
•First floor maisonette
•Two bedrooms
•Spacious accommodation
•Ideal for investors/first time buyers
•SEDGLEY OFFICE



51 BROAD STREET £74,950

COSELEY
•Ground floor maisonette
•Two bedrooms
•Well proportioned accommodation
•Well maintained communal gardens
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Kinloch Drive, "Earls Keep"

A most attractive, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence enviably situated in favoured cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom, study, magnificent 19 ft through lounge with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, dining room with bay, well equipped breakfast kitchen with various integrated appliances, laundry. Gallery landing, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite and built in units to three of the bedrooms), bathroom with white suite. Detached brick double garage with block paved driveway, lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888



Offers in the region of £274,950

GORNAL WOOD

Eaton Crescent

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary standard. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, magnificent 26' through living room with patio doors, outstanding enlarged/refitted 19'7" dining kitchen with a fine range of "oak" units, Range, integrated appliances, and a laundry section off, double doors to a substantial recently constructed uPVC double glazed 23' CONSERVATORY. Gallery landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (fitted or built in wardrobes to all bedrooms & a shower room en suite to principal bedroom), bathroom with white suite. Garage, landscaped secluded gardens, extensive block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888



Offers in the region of £269,950

GORNAL WOOD

Himley Road

Extremely spacious, significantly EXTENDED & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured neighbourhood necessitating a personal inspection for full appreciation. The superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, T-shaped reception hall, lounge, dining room, splendid conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility room section, THREE BEDROOMS (with en suite bathroom to master), shower room with white suite. Beamed roof space with skylights - significant potential. Secluded landscaped & well tended rear garden, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £197,500

SEDGLEY

Sandyfields Road

Enviably situated within close proximity to open fields & overlooking golf driving range to rear yet within walking distance of so many amenities, a SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained, double glazed, EXTENDED, detached family home with further potential. Accommodation includes; entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, superb 30 ft through living room with defined lounge & dining room sections (double glazed patio doors out to the garden), extended 15'9" breakfast kitchen, utility room. Three generous bedrooms, spacious bathroom. Garage, delightful level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

SEDGLEY

Hamilton Close

An attractive, meticulously maintained & significantly improved, ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached set in short quiet cul de sac in favoured neighbourhood which PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, extended 21ft lounge, dining room (with french doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with fine range of units and various integrated appliances, inner hallway with store, three well proportioned bedrooms, stylish reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful secluded rear garden, block paved drive. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

SEDGLEY

Brownswall Road

This traditional style, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home which would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading yet offers excellent potential. Situated in a favoured residential location, the surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises; entrance porch, hall, extended living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, shower room with separate w.c., larger than average garage, driveway, and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

WOODSETTON

Bourne Street

Occupying a corner plot, this significantly extended/enhanced, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated bay fronted semi detached is beautifully presented throughout and well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, study (potential fourth bedroom), guest w.c. three bedrooms, bathroom with white corner suite, garage, driveway & a low maintenance garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,950

DUDLEY

Beaumaris Close

Occupying a corner plot, this beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. The property comprises stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms (master with a range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

LOWER GORNAL

Roundhouse Road

Enjoying panoramic distant views, this traditional style, Upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated, two double bedroomed (formerly three) semi detached home that has been considerably improved/updated by the present owners, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen; two double bedrooms, spacious landing (incorporating former bedroom three), bathroom with white suite. Concrete print drive, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

COSELEY

Birmingham New Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A Freehold, mostly uPVC double glazed (AS SEEN), semi detached with potential set in established district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes; reception hall, lounge, transverse dining kitchen; three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, utility room, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000

SEDGLEY

Springfield Grove

This traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, shower room with white suite, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

WOMBOURNE VILLAGE

51A Planks Lane

**2 BEDROOMS**

This HUGE TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT is exceptionally well placed just a short distance from heart of Wombourne Village with its excellent selection of amenities and offers a MOST GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a LARGE SECLUDED REAR GARDEN, GARAGE and comprising: ground floor lobby, first floor landing, very large lounge, kitchen (in need of updating), TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £84,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

PENSNETT

48 Albert Street

This SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE adjoins a corner setting and, whilst REQUIRING INTERNAL RE-FITTING and REDECORATION offers; Hall, Spacious Lounge, LARGE DINING-KITCHEN, THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS, Re-fitted Bathroom plus UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Front garden with potential DRIVE SPACE and rear BRICK STORE, patio and generous garden.

COSELEY

Hackett Close

Tremendously modernised, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC double glazed ground floor flat in superb order set at head of cul de sac within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Outstanding accommodation provides reception hall, store, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, double bedroom (with wardrobe), living/dining room, refitted kitchen with 'light oak' effect units & integrated appliances. Shared gardens.

DUDLEY

Brewery Street

Presenting a rare opportunity, this modern style, Double glazed, Gas Centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home is well presented throughout, and may particularly appeal to First Time buyers. Accommodation briefly Comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, and rear Garden. Available on a 50% shared ownership basis.

KINVER

Kinver Mount, Comber Grove

**WITH TWO PARKING SPACES**

Favouring a GROUND FLOOR POSITION within this fine development, this EXTREMELY WELL ARRANGED and THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED, TWO BEDROOM, LUXURY APARTMENT presents a layout with a range of features, including DOUBLE GLAZING and CENTRAL HEATING to radiators, to comprise: initial entrance hall, large square reception hall, GENEROUS SITTING ROOM with DISTINCT DINING ROOM AREA leading off, COMPREHENSIVELY APPOINTED KITCHEN (with independent access from the hall), master bedroom with en suite, further double bedroom and with a delightful FOUR PIECE principal bathroom. Complementary gardens and grounds surround, with wrought iron automatic gates to a secure parking area within which this

BEARWOOD**HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****0121 434 4345****21 Hagley Road****0121 550 3978****2A Dudley Street****01902 880888****Taylor**www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk**6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****GOSPEL END VILLAGE****Penn Road**

An outstanding, exceptionally well presented & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured village setting within walking distance of Penn Common/open countryside, etc. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with 'Minster' style fireplace, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS (two with fitted units & principal bedroom with spacious shower room en suite), bathroom, double garage, burglar alarm. Block paved driveway & secluded, expertly landscaped gardens. Price to include many fittings. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £295,000**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Denise Drive**

PROPERTY OPEN FOR VIEWINGS ON SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2011 FROM 10.00 AM UNTIL 3.00 PM.
ONLY JUST CONSTRUCTED - an exceptionally spacious, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM detached in favoured district. Outstanding accommodation includes; imposing 15'6" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 17'0" lounge, transverse 23' dining kitchen acting as "hub of the house" with extensive range of stylish units & various integrated appliances, laundry, Gallery landing, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, three further double bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £220,000**SEDGLEY****Gower Road, Northway**

A gas centrally heated UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow enviably situated in favoured cul de sac section abutting onto open fields with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS beyond. Offering potential, the accommodation includes reception hall, cloaks cupboard, boiler cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom, transverse 22'5" lounge/dining room, kitchen. Lengthy garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****48 Cross Street**

Occupying a superb 'corner' position in this highly sought after location within Wall Heath village, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS & WELL APPOINTED arrangement of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate dining room area, fitted kitchen, utility room, study / office, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, beautifully re-appointed bathroom & SUPERB LOFT. Set back beyond a block paved forecourt and enjoying a LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with PARKING / GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINEFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950**LOWER GORNAL****St. Andrews Close**

A tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached enviably located in quiet cul de sac backing onto open fields & with SUPERB OPEN ASPECT. Upgraded accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & GRANITE work surfaces, transverse lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further generous bedrooms (BEDROOM TWO WITH FITTED WARDROBES), reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden with southerly aspect, patio, decking with lighting & speakers. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region £164,950**LOWER GORNAL****Masefield Road, Straits**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in popular district within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities/country park, etc. This fine home includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, breakfast kitchen, 15'8" L-shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, garage, good sized well tended/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**WOODSETTON**

SHOW HOME OPEN - SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10.00 AM UNTIL 2.00 PM
11A - RECENTLY BUILT (NHBC Guarantee). Highly individual SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed three bedroom detached with parking/carport space, superb kitchen/bathroom specification. Offers around £157,500.
11 - FULLY REFURBISHED. Traditional gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed inter-war semi of character that has been 'transformed' in recent months to superb specification, parking, secluded rear garden. Offers around £132,000. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

11 & 11A VICARAGE ROAD WEST**LOWER GORNAL**

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor flat' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**WOODSETTON****Duncroft Walk**

A most impressive, immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enjoys a leafy open aspect to front & is well worthy of internal inspection. The much improved & conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, useful loft space, garage & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,950**SEDGLEY****Gibbons Hill Road**

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Offers in the region of £129,950**DUDLEY****Vanborough Walk, London Heights**

Occupying an elevated position, this immaculately presented, EXTENDED, majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached has been conscientiously maintained by present owners. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway, garage & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**COSELEY****Kenelm Road**

An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character in quiet/very convenient cul de sac. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, pantry, 24'8" through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with bay & patio doors, extended/refitted 17'5" kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, fridge & freezer. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & shower. Block paved foregarden, potential garage space, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,000**PENSNETT****NEW PRICE****Blackwater Close**

Occupying a corner plot and enjoying an open aspect to front, this beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been considerably updated and improved by the present owners, and is well worthy of internal inspection. The deceptively spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, extended dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, two first floor double bedrooms, bathroom with shower cubicle, separate wc, splendid loft bedroom, and a low maintenance garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £119,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional and terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,000**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Andersleigh Drive**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views from the rear. The meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'broad oak' effect units, integrated appliances & double french doors out to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/reviled bathroom with white contemporary look suite, parking to front, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000**COSELEY****Nally Drive, Woodcross**

This well presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, cavity wall insulated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection and briefly comprises; entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, downstairs w.c., Three good sized bedrooms, refitted shower room with white suite. Pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Occupying a corner plot, this most impressive, traditional style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is beautifully presented throughout and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, guest w.c., two first floor double bedrooms, excellent bathroom with separate shower cubicle, useful loft and gardens

LOWER GORNAL**NEW PRICE****Wood Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is available with no upward chain, and may be an ideal first time purchase. The property would benefit from cosmetic improvements/upgrading yet offers excellent potential, and briefly comprises; entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, ground floor shower room. Three first floor bedrooms. Gardens to front and rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE

LOWER GORNAL**Central Drive**

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Kia's Rio will have its UK public debut at Ecovelocity, the low carbon motor festival

Kia parades Rio hatchback on the ecological catwalk

Kia will be showing a selection of its environmentally conscious EcoDynamics models at this week's EcoVelocity Low Carbon Motor Festival in London.

The new Rio hatchback will make its UK public debut at the exhibition.

Visitors to the show, held from September 8-11 in the grounds of Battersea Power Station, will have the opportunity to inspect the all-new Rio and the new Picanto city-car at close quarters, as well as low-emission versions of the cee'd family hatchback and Sportage crossover on a purpose built test route.

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The 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show will play host to four high-performance Audi S models sharing one new eight-cylinder engine. The new powerplant enables them to counterbalance outputs of up to 520PS with the potential for up to 29mpg.

The new bi-turbo V8, incorporating cylinder-on-demand technology and a host of other advances, replaces the naturally aspirated V10 FSI engine in the all-new S6, S6 Avant and S8 models, and in the process improves economy by as much as 25 per cent. It is also at the heart of a completely new addition to the S quattro Series – the new S7 Sportback.

In the S6 and S6 Avant the new 4.0-litre, twin-turbo V8 delivers ample power with fuel economy in keeping with the times. It appears here in 420PS form, and provides a constant 550Nm of torque from 1,400 to 5,300rpm, enough to catapult the S6 from 0 to 62mph in 4.8 seconds and the S6 Avant in 4.9 seconds, and to spur them on to an electronically governed top speed of 155mph.

Performance

The 4.0 TFSI brings Audi's downsizing strategy to the high-performance class. Compared to the 5.2-litre V10, it offers even stronger performance while reducing fuel consumption by as much as 25 per cent. Average fuel consumption is 29.1mpg in the S6 and 28.8mpg in the S6 Avant, well above that of the competition.

The two new S models are fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension in its firmer "sport" configuration. The tautly tuned air suspension with variable damping lowers the body by 10mm, and provides for highly precise handling without compromising comfort. Four 19-inch cast aluminium wheels in a unique five parallel spoke design frame the black calipers of the powerful front and rear internally ventilated disc brakes, which can be replaced by carbon fibre-ceramic discs as an option.

The Audi S7 Sportback uses the same engine as the S6 and S6 Avant – the new 4.0 TFSI with 420PS and 550Nm of torque. The twin-turbo V8 accelerates the five-door coupe from 0 to 62mph in 4.9 seconds, and top speed is limited to 155mph. The cultivated eight-cylinder, which uses Audi's "cylinder on demand" technology under part load, achieves an impressive combined economy figure of 29.1mpg.

The S7 Sportback is fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension sport and the Audi drive select dynamics system. Mounted behind the 19-inch wheels are large, internally ventilated disc brakes front and rear. Their black calipers are stamped with S7 logos at the front. Carbon fibre-ceramic discs are available as an option. Other chassis options include 20-inch wheels and dynamic steering, which varies its ratio as a function of speed.

Sublime

The Audi S8 is the new head of the Audi S model family – a large and luxurious saloon that can deliver sublime comfort or supreme excitement as required. The new 4.0-litre TFSI in the S8 generates no less than 520PS and delivers a constant 650Nm of torque to the crankshaft between 1,700 and 5,500rpm. The result is outstanding performance: the sprint from zero to 62mph takes just 4.2 seconds, and top speed is electronically capped at 155mph.

This makes the fuel consumption of the sonorous and smooth twin-turbo V8 all the more amazing: It averages 27.7mpg on the combined cycle, a considerable gain over its competitors, and its predecessor – the 5.2-litre V10 in the previous S8 posted 21.4mpg in the equivalent test. This has been achieved despite a 70PS increase in output.

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54 plate, 80,000 miles, fish, Harman Kardon sound system and TV Heated front and rear leather seats. MoT and tax Dec. Full Vogue spec.
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Petrol, 2005, 42,000 miles, silver, alloys, 5 door, MoT March 2012, excellent condition.
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54 reg, electric, computer air bags, CD, 6-spd, met grey, immaculate. £1,965. 01902 770934.

SEAT LEON, 2005, 70,000 miles, blue, abs, alarm, long MoT, central locking, pas, tax, full electric, service history, 55,000. 01902 780552.

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2008, 1.6 Ref, 35,400 miles, luna grey, MoT and tax, central locking, stereo, aux input, CD, 18ins Team Dynamics Pro Race wheels, privacy glass.
£7,995.
07887 487334.

SKODA FABIA, 1200cc, 2008, 28k, 5 door, metallic blue, MoT tax, fish, one owner, very good condition, £4,500. 01902 980881.

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SUZUKI GRAND VITARA XL7, 2004, 52 reg, 42,000 miles, 12 months MoT, 6 months Tax, 7 seats, removable tow bar, lovely car.
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TOYOTA AVENTIS 21 TX3
Automatic, silver, one owner, March 2006, reg, full MoT, 5dr hatchback, petrol, 18,500 miles.
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Taked and MoT'd, 2004, silver, Toyota 2.0, 67,000 miles, history, £3,950. 01902 338966.

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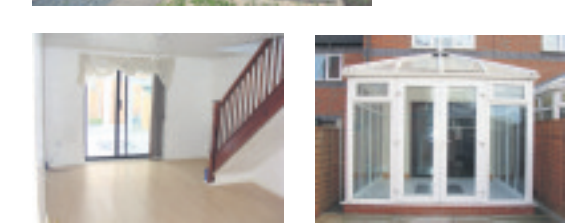
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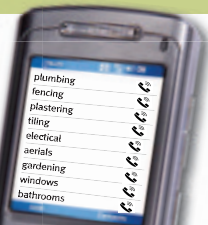
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SPORT

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Solid performance by Old Hill brings victory

OLD HILL (20 POINTS) 234-2 BEAT WOMBOURNE (3 POINTS) 233-7 BY 8 WICKETS

Having won the toss, the First XI elected to field against rivals Wombourne at Haden Hill and removed both openers with just 47 runs on the board.

Then some steady batting by Mike Hill (40), Alex Hughes (31) and later Adam Quiney (24) coupled with an explosive innings by Liam Hughes (72 not out including six 4's and four 6's) nudged the visitors score past 200.

Nigel Davenport bowled well for Old Hill and took 2-50 off his 17 overs and Alex Hill's (2-20) gave him good backing at the death as Wombourne

posted a respectable score of 233-7 wickets off their 50 overs.

Captain Nathan Round then opened the batting for the home side with Mike Hingley and, in the 8th over, the partnership was worth 50 runs due mainly to the quick fire batting of the Captain who reached his half century with some beautiful stroke play all round the wicket.

For the second consecutive match, their opening stand reached three figures before Hingley was cut stumped by Ian Walker for 33 with the score on 137 in the 25th over. Dan Cox came and went quickly as the visitors bowlers found their line and length before Nitesh Patel (39 not

out) including four 4's and three 6's and Round who scored a magnificent 146 not out off just 152 balls including seventeen 4's and two 6's, saw Old Hill to victory with 6.5 overs to spare, as the match was completed in semi darkness.

WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH (2 POINTS) 177-9 LOST TO OLD HILL (20 POINTS) 178-2 BY 8 WICKETS.

The Second XI visited Sandwell Park for their game against West Bromwich Dartmouth and having won the toss invited the hosts to bat first.

The Dartmouth batsmen were soon in trouble thanks to a brilliant opening spell of bowling by Old Hill's

Connor Smith who took 5 wickets in his first 7 overs as the home side were restricted to 177-9 wickets off their allotted 50 overs.

Connor Smith returned figures of 11-2-38-5 and was ably assisted by Ollie Moseley (who just missed out on a hat trick) with an analysis of 7-1-10-3.

In reply, the visitors innings were opened by Joe Thorn (17) and Shezad Aslam and they soon had the scoreboard ticking over before being parried on 48. Hamza Ahmed then joined Aslam and they both batted very well together before Shezad (90) was out just short of his century, which left Ahmed (59 not out) to see

Old Hill home with 18 overs to spare.

This was another tremendous victory for the Second XI in the top Division.

Sunday September 4 WATERFRONT (0 POINTS) 234-7 LOST TO OLD HILL (10 POINTS) 249-5 BY 15 RUNS.

The Sunday XI made the short journey to Chaddesley to take on Waterfront in their Border League game.

Old Hill batted first on a damp wicket but made light of the tricky conditions to put together a formidable total of 249 off their 40 overs. Leading the way for the visitors were Mike Hingley (121) who hit a superb

century closely followed by Captain Carl Whyte with a brilliant 53 not out.

The Waterfront's reply got off to a good start and the openers had 90 runs on the board in 11 overs before being parted by spinner Nick Couzens who took three quick wickets to finish with the excellent return of 3-28.

However, the home side never gave up as the match was completed in almost complete darkness with the rain clouds gathering but Old Hill held their nerve to win by the narrow margin of 15 runs.

Derek Griffiths

RUGBY

DK get wake up call in new league campaign



Scrum half Jordan Brookes tackles a South Leicester forward.



Skipper Ollie Shakespeare wins a lineout for DK.

DK opened their new league campaign at home to South Leicester and soon realised what life will be like in this new league.

Defence will be key and on this occasion the visitors proved too strong for the home side to break through, with on many occasions two or three defenders converging on the ball carrier.

With virtually the same squad that swept all before them last season a steep learning curve will be required to mount a similar campaign this time out. There was no disgrace in losing as the visitors were league leaders for a long period last season and only fell away at the end.

Without last season's top point's scorer, Gareth Bown, and top try scorer, Stefan Shillingford, league debuts were handed to colts centre Greg Lewis and wing Duncan Chance having made a full recovery from his broken jaw sustained in his brief appearance as a replacement against Whitchurch last season.

Jordan Brookes returned at scrum half following two seasons with Loughborough Students in National 2 with Adam Blackford also making a return to first team rugby after last season spent coaching the colts.

Winning the toss and electing to play into the surprisingly strong wind, the home side found themselves under early pressure conceding a penalty almost from the kick off which the visitor's fly half Mark Ward pushed wide of the post.

After absorbing early pressure the home side came into

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD 7 SOUTH LEICESTER 20

the game with some strong driving play and were rewarded for their efforts when scrum half Jordan Brookes squeezed through the narrowest of gaps to score close in which was converted by fly half Jon Higgins.

The home side were conceding too many penalties to get any control of the game relying on desperate defence to keep the visitors at bay. From one penalty on 11 minutes Mark Ward converted to post the first score for the visitors to make it 7-3.

The game ebbed and flowed with increasing pressure from the visitors resulted in a fine try by their dynamic left wing Kyle Coltman who appeared in the centre at pace cutting through the floundering DK defence to score close in with the conversion by fly half Mark Lord.

Pressure

The home side were coming under increasing pressure and a misunderstanding between full back Simon Fletcher and Duncan Chance from a high kick nearly resulted in another try for the visitors.

From the resultant maul Fletcher was rather harshly sin binned. South Leicester increased the pressure and just before half time were rewarded with a further try when second row Stuart Bale appeared in the centre to receive the scoring pass and stroll in between the posts converted by fly half Mark Lord.

The visitors opened the second half strongly and laid

siege to the DK line but resolute home defence thwarted the attacks.

From this stage in the game the visitors then appeared to dramatically change their tactics and resorted to a very defensively minded approach more intent on containing the home side rather than continuing with the attacking flair they displayed in the first half.

Maybe a change at fly half was the reason as Mark Lord was replaced by Rikki Aley at half time and he seemed content to kick for the corners to keep DK away from their line. However, he did land one long penalty from the 10 metre line into the wind to increase the visitor's lead after Jordan Brookes was penalised at the breakdown.

The home side continued to apply the pressure and both Jordan Brookes and Jon Higgins were held up just short of the line.

However, from promising attacking positions either penalties or wrong options cost the home side dearly with the visitors line at their mercy. Even when the visitors were down to 13 men following the sin binning of two of their back row DK could not find the key to unlock the resolute visitors defence.

All in all a creditable performance but certainly leave the coaching team with work to do in training next week, especially with regard to set pieces, particularly the line out which unusually creaked under pressure from the visitors.

Next fixture – Saturday September 10, Broadstreet, home, kick-off 3pm.

CRICKET

Nomads ensure Bewdley fall out of Division One

Worcestershire County Cricket League

Bewdley's relegation from Division One was confirmed after they failed to beat Nomads in an otherwise unremarkable week of fixtures.

Champions Stourbridge crushed pointless Oldswinford with centuries from Josh Banks and Andy Alexander, after previously only having one century this season.

Pershore stayed second with a win over similarly pointless Pedmore and Astwood Bank leapfrogged Nomads to go third by crushing pointless Romsey. In the other matches Redditch sneaked home at Worcester to help relegate Bewdley and Bromyard beat Droitwich to climb to fifth.

In Division Two leaders Coombs Wood enjoyed a victory at Feckenham and now head Colwall, who could only draw with Monmouth, by 22 points with one game left.

Hagley beat Dominies to remain third and could yet pinch second spot as they are now just nine back from Colwall.

JUNIORS

Hawks come out on top in close game

BOYS LEAGUE

Halas Hawks West 4 Kingswinford 2

Halas Hawks U9s West took on Kingswinford in a close fought game which either side could have won. Halas took the lead through man of the match Jayke Adams but Kingswinford equalised before half time. After the break Kingswinford went ahead 2-1 but Halas upped their game, scoring further goals through Adams, Anthony Andreou and George Priest to make the final score 4-2.

Halas Hawks 2 Netherton 1

The U9s East won 2-1 against a strong Netherton Colts in an end to end game which saw Halas go behind before Jack Plant scored an equaliser followed by the winner from the penalty spot scored by Jack Whitehouse. Man of the match was a debut performance by goalkeeper, Isaac Gould.

Gornal Colts 0 Halas Hawks West 1

The U10s West travelled to Gornal where the game was heading for a stalemate until a wonder strike from man of the match, Cameron Russell, gave Halas a 1-0 win.

Halas Hawks West 4 Trysull Tiger 2

The U11s West started strongly against Trysull and took control of the match from the outset with some excellent attacking football. Halas took a 4-0 lead into the break with goals from Jack Bissell, George Shingleton, Callum Hudson and Jack Clews but in the second half they came under pressure and conceded two goals. Excellent defending kept Trysull from further scoring and Halas earned a well deserved 4-2 win. Man of the match went to goalkeeper, Nathan Kennings.

Dudley Juniors 5 Halas Hawks 0

The U13s started the new season in disappointing fashion going down 5-0 at Dudley Juniors. Man of the match was awarded to goalkeeper Josh Rogers for a fine performance.

Withymoor 3 Halas Hawks 4

An exciting game of football saw the U14s go three goals up against Withymoor in the first half through Michael Eaton, Jack Guest and Savan Patel. The second half continued in the same vein with Dominic Hipkiss scoring to make it 4-0, but with 15 minutes to go Withymoor managed to find the back of the net. This opened the way for an onslaught on the Halas goal and Withymoor managed to claw back to 3-4.

Howley Grange 1 Halas Hawks 2

The U15s had a solid 2-1 victory against a recently promoted Howley Grange. Halas were always in control and should have added to their lead. Hawks goals arrived from Tom Wickstead and Ben Wyatt.

Billbrook 3 Halas Hawks 0

The U17s were involved in a hard fought game against a quality Billbrook Side. It was more of a defensive battle for the Halas boys who didn't finish the chances created and unfortunately ended up losing 3-0, although they deserved at least a draw.

Birmingham County Women's League Rubery Ladies 2 Halas Hawks Ladies 3

Halas Hawks Ladies played their first match in the Birmingham County Womens League after earning promotion last season.

They made the journey to Rubery Ladies and in a close first half, they went one down early in the game but Jodie Jones shrugged off a couple of tackles to run through the middle and score the equaliser. The second half saw Halas come more into the game but still conceded a well-worked Rubery goal.

Halas continued to improve in the second half and deserved their equalizer scored by Tash Berry. As the game looked set for a draw, Halas were awarded a free kick just outside the Rubery penalty area. With virtually the last kick of the match, Katy Monk stepped in to score the winner with her trade mark curled shot.

Claire Farrington

FOOTBALL

Athletic hold Rugby to a draw and force the replay in FA Cup tie battle

RUGBY TOWN 0 GORNAL ATHLETIC 0

Gornal pulled off an unlikely feat by holding Southern League Central side Rugby Town to a draw in an FA Cup tie they came within a coat of paint from winning.

Given the match took place on Non-League Day – a national event to celebrate grassroots football – it was appropriate Gornal's brave showing was dominated by a performance which epitomises everything great about non-league football.

Chris Waterhouse, Gornal's captain marvel was instrumental in frustrating the Rugby attack.

Gornal hit their stride faster than their hosts – who sit two steps higher in the non-league pyramid – and Marv Nisbett signalled his intent on ten minutes with a turn and shot just

over the bar. Seconds later dangerous Rugby forward Tyrone Fagan superbly crafted an opportunity for himself and hit a shot which was well saved by Gornal keeper James Pemberton.

On 27 minutes, Calum Martin – who ran himself into the ground in the lone striker's role – forced a great save from Rugby keeper Louis Connor.

Gornal continued to push on from the flanks with Nisbett and Matt Martin giving their markers a torrid time and piling the pressure on Connor in the Rugby goal.

Just before half-time Matt Martin's shot was blocked and Rugby surged up the pitch where Fagan again forced Pemberton into action.

The second half saw Gornal pick up

where they left off as they dominated possession, although it was Rugby who carved out the best chances as Pemberton saved well from substitute Andy Gundelach on 54 minutes and then Nik Preston headed wide from the resulting corner.

Rugby began to assert their dominance as the half progressed, with Gornal's cause not helped by the already makeshift defence losing Conor Gater to cramp on 67 minutes and then his replacement, midfielder Mike Perks, deputised superbly.

On 72 minutes Lee Miveld shot wide of the post and Fagan was guilty of wasting a further opportunity on 78 minutes. Gornal finished the game the stronger with a Matt Martin corner on 84 minutes causing all sorts of problems in the Rugby defence.

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MAFFEI SEALS FATE FOR THE ROBINS

DUDLEY SPORTS 1 DUDLEY TOWN 0
West Midlands (Regional) League
Premier Division

Atasty local derby entertained a healthy crowd at Dudley Sports' Hillcrest Avenue ground as Dudley Town's winless streak extended to three games.

In all fairness the visitors were unfortunate to come away from their local rivals pointless for the third consecutive season.

A military-like charge on the host's goal during the second half paved the way for some last ditch, as well as classy defending from the hosts, in a game that was a superb advert for West Midlands League and Black Country football.

Facing their locals rivals for the first time under manager Andy Burgess The Robins were left without midfielders Alex Cowley and Ben Stretton whilst there was better news for Burgess with the return of last season's player of the year George Reeves from holiday.

The Dudley manager was also able to call upon Kevin Hadlington for whom The Dell-based side had beaten several other clubs for his signature, following the centre-forward's release from league rivals Black Country Rangers.

The visitors were quickly on top of their local rivals as they pushed to make an early breakthrough.

The best chance of the early exchanges fell to Dreniz Bala whose solid shot brought out a save from Sport's shot-stopper Sam Pearson. The Robins were continually threatening the host's backline as Harry Williams and Anthony Cox both pointed in some tasty crosses that were dealt with well.

Scrambled

As the half went on it appeared only a matter of time until the elder of the two Dudley clubs would take the lead. Bala again bringing out a flapping save from Pearson which the rebound was scrambled away with Nikki Faux pouncing.

For the second game running Dudley were again taught a lesson in taking chances. On 40 minutes Giuseppe Maffei took advantage of a calamitous error from Robins' keeper Luke Cunningham and had the easiest of jobs to slide the ball into the empty net.

Indeed Dudley could have been level right from the get go when a Nikki Faux cross was dangerously cleared over the crossbar by Scott Sumner.

The Robins returned following the interval and began to vent their anger. A neat move from Chris Whittaker and Cox saw the latter blaze the ball over the crossbar.

With still no breakthrough Burgess played his hand to introduce new signing Hadlington. The bustling forward added more pressure to the Sports backline that was holding strong, despite a torrent of attacks from the visitors. Dudley's day was summed up however with a little under 20 minutes remaining.

Rebound

A powerful shot from outside the box brought a save from Pearson and this time the rebound fell kindly to Croatian hitman Dreniz Bala, but just as last season's top-scorer was about to pull the trigger Pearson's hand came from nowhere to deny Town an equaliser.

The visitors surged forward in the final 10 minutes as they searched in vain for a deserved equaliser.

Several goalmouth scrambles ensued and how an 88th minute melee which saw Rob Whitley, substitute Rion Francis-Mills and Hadlington, all seeing shots blocked on the line, kept Sports in the lead must be testament to the home side's dogged determination.

In fact Dudley Sports should have made it two right on the final whistle when Josh Taylor broke free and Luke Cunningham had to be on form to keep out Maffei.

Despite what was a thrilling game of drama and local passion for the neutral, Dudley Town must be getting concerned about their ability to turn chances and possession into goals, not to mention a winless run that has now moved to three games.

Dudley Sports: Pearson, Fincher, Williams, Walters, James Taylor, Sumner, Hughes, Stephens, Maffei, Tibbetts (Moore (Blakeley)) Josh Taylor. Subs not used: Preston, Bache, Hearsey.

Dudley Town: Cunningham, Reeves (Francis-Mills), Whittaker, Langford, Whitley, Perry (Watkins), Cox, Cross, Bala, Faux, Williams (Hadlington). Subs not used: Roberts, Richards.

Referee: T. Sharratt

No Lye-ing down as Dudley miss chances

DUDLEY TOWN 2 LYE TOWN 2

Dudley Town were given a frank lesson in finishing against Lye Town in a feisty and entertaining local derby at The Dell.

The home side were guilty of missing chances that would have turned their superior possession into all three points.

Manager Andy Burgess was able to call upon former Redditch and Halesowen midfielder Alex Cowley following a return to availability after picking up an ankle injury.

Ben Stretton sat out the game owing to work commitments whilst Todd Warner was also out of the side after his collection of yellow cards meant a suspension.

The home side were quick off the blocks creating the highly-rated Lye shot-stopper Tommy Harper headaches from the get go.

The keeper who is attracting attention from several Southern League clubs had to be on top form to close down Niki Faux whilst through on goal.

It was not all one way traffic, former Robins' striker Scott Gennard pulled off a neat near post save from Luke Cunningham after a firm shot from a free-kick. But Dudley's possession

dominance did show through but without any yield and was summed up perfectly when Niki Faux beat Harper but was unable to find anybody to convert the ball home.

Cowley should have marked his comeback with a goal but after skipping effortlessly through the visitor's rearguard he could only drag the ball just wide of the Lye goal frame.

Lye eventually took the lead on 36 minutes when an Ashley Edwards free-kick wrong-footed Cunningham and found its way into the net.

Powerful

Dudley's local rivals were only ahead for five minutes as a powerful Richard Langford header from an Anthony Cox corner eventually beat Harper.

There was even better to come for the hosts before the break when Chris Whittaker fired home from the spot after Faux had been brought down in the area.

Dudley moved into another gear following the break and were eventually left to rue the chances they missed. The best of those falling to Dreniz Bala who pulled a breathtaking save out of

Harper with a powerful goal bound shot.

But on 64 minutes the game was all square once more. Substitute Jon Taylor was allowed space to cut in on the hosts' left wing and he made no mistake in firing the ball past Cunningham.

If any side looked more likely to grab all three points it was The Robins who again threatened the Lye goal but were unable to make any inroads as the game wore on.

Overall this will probably turn out to be a good point come May against a Lye Town side that looked unjustified in their lowly league position.

Although it was disappointing Dudley could not pull within three points of league leaders Wednesfield.

Dudley Town: Cunningham, Cross, Whittaker, Langford, Whitley, Cowley (Watkins), Cox (Store), Perry (Roberts), Bala, Faux, Williams. Unused subs: Richards, Smith.

Lye Town: Harper, Stephens, Dimmock, Greenaway, Rochester (Brown), Webb, Edwards, Isley (Taylor), Gennard, Poyntz, Evitts. Subs not used: Hackett, Winsper, Siviter.

Referee: R. Gardner

Late flurry gives victory to Glassboys

Evo-stik League Southern Premier Division

STOURBRIDGE 2 CHESHAM UNITED 1

Stourbridge staged a stunning fightback in the last 15 minutes to snatch an unlikely victory.

The Glassboys looked to be heading for their first defeat of the season when already trailing by one goal to nil, they had Sean Geddes sent off in the 70th minute for lashing out at Bruce Wilson, however being a man light seemed to spur the hosts into life and two late goals sent the home crowd away in bemused delight.

In a generally tight opening half, Chesham made the brighter start to proceedings and they carved out the first chance of the afternoon in the seventh minute as a ball in from Scott Thomas was touched on by Dave Fotheringham, however Simon Thomas could not keep his volley down and his effort flew over.

Stourbridge were slow to get going, however some better play on 18 minutes saw Aaron Griffiths deliver a testing cross from the left that was pushed away by visiting keeper Shane Gore, under pressure from Ryan Rowe, to the feet of James Dyson, but Gore did well to parry away the ensuing shot from the Glassboys' midfielder.

Three minutes later Chesham full-back John Kyriacou tried to catch out Lewis Solly with a quickly taken free-kick from some distance out and as the home custodian back-pedalled, he appeared to touch the ball over the crossbar, although a goal-kick was awarded by the officials.

Deflected

Stourbridge then created the best chance of the first period in the 29th minute as a Geddes pass was deflected into the path of Leon Broadhurst on the edge of the box who struck his low shot past Gore's left-hand post.

Two minutes after the restart however, the Buckinghamshire visitors broke the deadlock. An excellent cross from the right by Kyriacou enabled Leon Archer to rise at the far post and direct a header back across Solly and into the opposite corner of the net.

Stourbridge looked for a response and on 54 minutes a Geddes free-kick was met by Broadhurst, whose downward header lacked sufficient power to seriously trouble Gore.

Three minutes later Chesham almost added a second with Solly forced to make a parried save to his right to keep out a drive from Fotheringham, Stourbridge were struggling to open up the visitors defence and they were left facing an uphill task with 20 minutes remaining when Geddes deservedly saw red after clashing with Wilson, however five minutes later the Glassboys grabbed an equalising goal.

A free-kick pushed down the left flank by Griffiths was not cut out and Ben Billingham managed to swing over a cross that caught the Chesham backline cold and Rowe stole in to glance a close range header inside the far post.

At that stage Stourbridge would have been happy with a point, but things got even better for the hosts five minutes from time as an Aaron Drake through ball released Linden Dovey away down the middle and he skipped past Gore before slotting the ball into the empty net for a remarkable turnaround and Gary Hackett's men held firm to claim the spoils.

Club is going bananas

Stourbridge Rugby Club will be going bananas for charity with a fancy dress fun run and charity day on September 18, from 9am. Members are invited to run a mile around the rugby pitches on Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, chasing the club's Saxons team, who will be dressed as bananas. Proceeds will go to Leukaemia Lymphoma Research. The club supports the charity because one of its young supporters, Izzy Waterfield, aged four, of Grampian Road, Penfields, Stourbridge, is fighting a severe form of leukaemia. Further information is available on 01384 395000.

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DK's first outing of the new season



Player/Coach Pete Knight find himself in the thick of the action for Dudley Kingswinford - full report and pictures, inside



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Annual Report 2010/11

Welcome to the fifth annual report from Dudley Primary Care Trust.

The PCT spends over £500 million each year on health services in Dudley Borough. This is a great deal of money, and it works out at around £1,600 for every adult and child living in Dudley Borough.

We are responsible for buying all of the healthcare that you, as a Dudley borough resident, may need throughout your life. This includes care in hospital, care in the community from services such as district nursing or health visitors and mental health services. We also hold contracts with GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists.

One of our strategic objectives is to help people be as healthy as possible and to do this we offer a range of initiatives to support people to eat healthily, exercise more and have a healthy mental wellbeing.

On behalf of the PCT Board, we would like to thank our staff, our primary care colleagues, our many partners and all of the members of the public who have been involved with us over the year for their huge contributions. This support and involvement has been invaluable in shaping and delivering exceptional health services in what has been a challenging environment.

We look forward to working with you again over the course of the coming year to continue to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the borough of Dudley.



Gill Cooper
Interim Chair



Dr Steve Cartwright
Interim Medical
Director/PEC Chair



Valerie A Little
Dudley Director of Public
Health and Acting
Managing Director on
March 31st

A year in numbers...

In 2010/11 NHS Dudley:

- Ensured 95% of patients received treatment within 18 weeks from their initial referral to outpatients
- Achieved a 42.8% per cent reduction in MRSA and hit our target to reduce hospital C. difficile rates by 42.6%
- Trained 100 Breastfeeding Buddies across the Borough to support and advise women who want to breastfeed their babies
- Saw our volunteers clock up 1,500 hours of voluntary work between April and December 2010
- Ensured 98.8% of emergency patients were treated within 4 hours

Highlights from our year 2010/11



Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre opens its doors

In June 2010, The Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre opened its doors to patients for the first time. Following a two year design and construction programme, the centre is now home to over 400 NHS and Local authority staff. Minister of State for Health, Simon Burns officially opened the centre in October 2010.

Your Dudley, Your Say

Dudley Primary Care Trust is always keen to hear what local people have to say about the services we commission. In July 2010 we joined forces with Dudley Council and hit the streets of Dudley to find out what matters most to our residents. Your Dudley, Your Say gathered over 230 views inside the 'Comments Campervan'.



New GP Practice for Kates Hill

The Mayor of Dudley was the guest of honour at the opening of Kates Hill Surgery this year. The surgery located in the Kates Hill Area of Dudley is operated by Primecare and was the final practice to open as a result of the Government's Equitable Access to Primary Care Programme. As well as the service normally associated with general Practice, the surgery also offers a specific outreach facility to BME residents locally.

Summary Care Record launched

Practices from across the Dudley Borough signed up for the national Summary Care Programme which sees individuals medical information uploaded onto a national system allowing access to vital information anywhere in the country.

Summary
Care
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Winter Weather hits borough hard

2010/11 saw extreme winter weather hit the borough. Winter is always a busy time of year for NHS services, but this year saw unprecedented demand for services. Thanks to the efforts of NHS staff from Dudley Primary Care Trust, DGOH and Dudley Community Services local residents continued to get the high level of care they required.

Young people told to 'Think Pharmacy'

In March 2011, Derek the Hip Hop Pharmacist launched a campaign to promote the services offered in pharmacies across the borough to 16 – 24 year olds. Utilising a wide range of media including facebook and youtube the campaign tackled issues such as confidentiality and lack of awareness of pharmacy services as highlighted from research conducted with over 350 young people. www.thinkpharmacy.info



Clinicians to lead the buying of healthcare

Clinicians from across the Dudley borough were given approval from the Department of Health to move forward with plans to take the lead in buying healthcare services for local residents. Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group were among the first 52 from across England selected to be to take on commissioning responsibilities as part of the Government's plans set out in the NHS White Paper Liberating the NHS: Equity and Excellence.

Our finances

With responsibility for over £500m of public money the PCT has achieved all statutory financial targets for 2010/11. This has been at a time of significant demand on health services and the desire to develop services to meet key health plans.

The PCT achieved all statutory and non-statutory financial duties in 2010/11 as set out below:

Statutory

Remain within the Revenue Resource Limit achieved £794,000 surplus
Remained within Capital Resource Limit achieved £7,000 surplus.

Non-Statutory

Better Payment Practice Code – pay suppliers invoices by the due date or within 30 days of receipt achieved – exceeded the 95% target.
Ensure Provider Services achieve full cost recovery achieved surplus of £468,000.



In 2010/11 the PCT spent £510,406,000 an increase of 5.2% compared to 2009/10. After taking account of technical adjustments associated with the revaluation of assets to a Modern Equivalent Assets (MEA) basis in line with national policy, the net increase in expenditure was 2.9%.

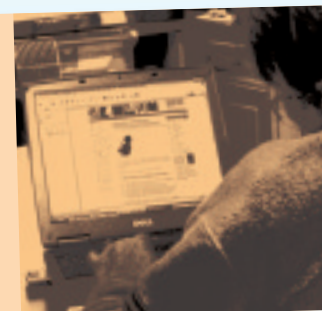


During 2010/11 the PCT increased expenditure in a number of areas, some of which were:

- Increased investment in a new Health and Social Care Centre within Brierley Hill - £2.2m
- Increased investment in obesity and smoking reduction initiatives - £300,000
- Increased investment on drugs and devices - £2m
- Establishment of community initiatives, including minor surgery and diabetes - £250,000

Despite these times of constraint, the PCT intends to invest in new services to improve healthcare in Dudley in the following areas:-

- Screening of risk factors for heart conditions in the adult population - £570,000
- Digital Mammography - £300,000
- Investment in weight loss programmes - £205,000
- Increased investment in tackling alcohol misuse - £300,000



Where were Dudley residents treated in 2010/11

When you need hospital treatment, you can receive this care anywhere in the UK, including from some private healthcare providers. In 2010/11, people from the Dudley borough were treated here in the borough, in hospitals within the Midlands and beyond. This is where Dudley residents were treated last year:

- Walsall Hospitals £0.4m
- Royal Wolverhampton Hospital £7.6m
- Dudley Group of Hospitals £179m
- West Midlands Hospital £3.7m
- University Hospitals Birmingham £8.3m
- Heart of England £1.6m
- Birmingham Childrens £3m
- Birmingham Womens £0.9m
- Sandwell & West Birmingham £5.1m



The future

Changes in the NHS

In July 2010, the Government published a paper called 'Liberating the NHS', which details how the NHS will change over the coming years to ensure the services provided are as patient focused as possible.

To make these improvements, the way the NHS is run is changing.

Local health staff and local communities will have more power to make decisions and fewer decisions will be taken at a national level. Local decisions on healthcare will be placed in the hands of clinicians.

From April 2013, some of the functions currently provided by the Primary Care Trust will be led by local clinicians including GPs, nurses and hospital consultants. This means that some of the money that is allocated by the government to buy healthcare services will be handed to groups of local clinicians who will decide what the best services are for local residents. This process is known as commissioning.

The National Commissioning Board will be responsible for buying specific services including those provided by GPs and it is proposed that the responsibility for Public Health will move to the Local Authority overseen by a new body called Public Health England.

Developing Clinical Commissioning in Dudley

In Dudley, GPs and other clinicians have always been involved in deciding how the budget for healthcare is spent locally, therefore staff at the PCT and local clinicians already have strong working relationships. Clinicians from across the borough have been spending more time understanding the current functions undertaken by the PCT so that they are prepared to take on their new responsibilities and in April 2011 began commissioning some areas on behalf of local people.

Dr David Hegarty is the Chair of the Dudley Health Clinical Commissioning Group and is leading the development of Clinical Commissioning here in Dudley. He is also a practicing GP in the borough.

"We are working hard to ensure that the new roles clinicians are taking on are successful and that local people continue to receive the best possible standard of healthcare here in the Dudley borough.

As the Commissioning Group develops we will begin to take on more and more areas of responsibility and have already begun buying some services from local providers. We will continue commission more until we are able to take the reins fully in 2013 when we have completed the legal process that is required to establish a statutory body."

Dr David Hegarty

Chair – Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

The Black Country Cluster

To ensure stability until PCTs are abolished, local PCTs are being joined together to form a PCT Cluster to ensure that the important support services that the organisations currently provide can continue.

'Liberating the NHS' clearly states that PCTs will be abolished by 2013 therefore to ensure stability until this point local PCTs will be clustering to make them more robust. Dudley will join with Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton with the appointment of one Executive team for the Black Country Cluster.

In March 2011, Robert Bacon, Chief Executive at Sandwell Primary Care Trust was appointed as the Chief Executive for all four PCTs.

Dr Steve Cartwright has recently been appointed as Managing Director for NHS Dudley.

